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## Former MP is set to lead new party

A RETIRED doctor who served two terms as a Midland MP after campaigning against the closure of Kidderminster Hospital's A&E department will help lead a new political party.

Ex-Wyre Forest MP Dr Richard Taylor, aged 77, will be co-leader of National Health Action, which will contest seats at the next general election.

The party aims to argue against the Government's controversial health reforms.

Dr Taylor, who was defeated in the 2010 General Election by Tory Mark Garnier, set up the Independent Health Concern party in the late 1990s when the casualty department of Kidderminster Hospital was under threat.

He has since become president of Independent Community and Health Concern which will be affiliated with the new group.

He said: "Most right-thinking people will welcome this plan as the NHS reforms are so widely deplored."

"On a personal note, the delight of being twice retired is that I have time to continue to support the ICHC as life president and, if wanted, to advise and support a new national political party to support the NHS."

## Heavyweight Lucy gets lift

A two-tonne white rhino from West Midland Safari Park has been winched by crane into a new home, hundreds of miles away.

Eight-year-old Lucy has been transferred to Blair Drummond Safari Park, near Stirling, from the Bewdley attraction as part of a European breeding programme.

In exchange, Blair Drummond is sending a two-year-old female, Ailsa, to West Midland Safari Park.

# STATION REVAMP IS PUT BACK ON TRACK

By Lee Watton

**IMPROVEMENTS are to be carried out at Kidderminster railway station, more than a year after a £3.5 million revamp ground to a halt due to a lack of funding.**

Worcestershire County Council says it is now considering a smaller scheme to address immediate needs at the site, in Comberton Hill. The move comes less than a week after passengers called for improvements, branding the station a "disgrace".

## Stars at historic railway

HOLLYWOOD glamour came to Kidderminster when top actors arrived at the Severn Valley Railway to shoot a major new film.

Michael Sheen was among the well-known names at the station this week. He was filming a scene for Mariah Mundi and the Midas Box, a teenage adventure film. Also starring are Sam Neill, Lena Heady and Keeley Hawes.

Signs at the station have been altered by the production team to reflect the story.

The railway also provided a steam engine and carriages which were due to be used in the filming.

It is the second time this year the station has been visited by a film crew for a major production.

A five-part BBC production, called *Dancing on the Edge*, directed by Stephen Poliakoff, was partially filmed at the railway in February.

At a meeting of Stourbridge Line Users Group last week, users said the site needed more toilets and the road bridge needed repairs. They said in its present condition the station was an embarrassment to Kidderminster.

Discussions have recently started on the project and county council officials said no formal plans had been submitted on the kind of work which could take place.

The authority said it was committed to finding the cash for the original, larger, scheme to eventually take place.

### Funding

However, bosses admitted no suitable source of funding had yet been found.

Talks over the smaller scheme remain in their early stages and are expected to be fleshed out in the coming months.

The authority first announced plans to create a new station building, forecourt and pedestrian access at the site in 2009.

But the scheme was derailed first by the government's spending review following the general election in 2010. And a bid for money from the Regional Growth Fund failed.

## Becky wins The Voice semi-final spot



Becky Hill on stage. Despite her slip-up she received praise from the judges

BEWDLEY'S teenage singing sensation Becky Hill has secured a place in this weekend's semi-finals of TV show *The Voice*.

The 18-year-old was put through to the next round of the BBC competition by her coach Jessie J - despite swearing on stage in frustration at forgetting her words in the live show.

The A-level music and arts student performed an energetic rendition of Seven Nation Army by American rock band The White Stripes on Saturday's live show.

But when she appeared to forget her lines she mouthed a swear word in frustration.

Presenter Holly Willoughby had to apologise for the incident following the teenager's appearance.

Despite the slip-up she received lavish praise from the coaches.

The Script star Danny O'Donoghue said he would duet with her.

Tom Jones told her not to strain her voice and said: "She always does enough for me. She's on fire. She takes it to the extreme."

And Jessie J said: "Becky you are a great performer because of your tone, your energy and your stage presence."

Becky works weekends at the Cock and Magpie pub in Bewdley.

She and the other seven contestants left in the show will perform at the LG Arena in Birmingham on September 19.

## Campaign will fight changes to library

A CAMPAIGN against changes to Kidderminster Library has been launched.

Council bosses want to turn the second floor of the library into offices to cater for almost 140 workers. Under the plans, the Steinway grand piano would be moved from the gallery on the second floor to a first floor conference room.

Music groups are concerned that the new space would not be suitable for some concerts, which can attract up to 100 people, and that the acoustics would not be as good.

The Save Kidderminster Library Gallery Campaign held its first meeting, chaired by ward councillor Howard Martin.

The campaign group includes members of Kidderminster Classical Music Society, Kidderminster Arts Festival Creatives and the Friends of St George's Park.

Councillor Martin accused Worcestershire County Council of being "philistines" for planning the move.

But the county council says the move will reduce operating costs and help its bid to trim £1.8million from the library service's budget.

## Firm hit by earthquake

A KIDDERMINSTER firm's manufacturing site in north east Italy was damaged in the major earthquake that rocked the region.

Steel wheels maker Titan, Europe's large agricultural wheel manufacturer is in Finale Emilia and accounts for annual sales of around £50 million.

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# Woman hurt as fencing collapses in high winds

**A WOMAN was hurt when metal fencing at a construction site came loose in high winds and struck her.**

The woman, aged 54, was standing at the bus station next to the Tesco car park in Kidderminster when the fencing panel, about 6ft by 7ft, came loose from the construction site at the Piano Building – formerly a Brintons carpet warehouse – which is being converted into an education academy.

West Mercia Police spokesman Dylan Evans said passers-by helped pull the metal off the woman, from Kidderminster, and paramedics treated her at the scene.

The woman was airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, in Birmingham, with head injuries.

**Recovery**

The air ambulance landed at the bus station and roads including Castle Road and Corporation Street, were closed for about an hour.

Stourport firm Thomas Vale Construction, which is carrying out the £6.1 million refurbishment of the Piano Building for Kidderminster College and Birmingham Metropolitan College, blamed high winds.

A spokesman said: "Due to adverse weather conditions, we understand that a section of fencing collapsed which caused some injuries to a member of the public. We will be working with all parties to determine the root cause. We wish the lady a speedy recovery."

A Health and Safety Executive spokeswoman said they were investigating.

## Tuning up for Jubilee celebrations



Lauren Alexander, 14, who is in the Kidderminster Jubilee line-up

BEWDLEY'S Lauren Alexandra is getting in tune to be part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Kidderminster.

She is performing at Brinton Park on June 4.

The 14-year-old is a Year 10 pupil at Bewdley School and Sixth Form Centre.

Meanwhile, the Boars Head, in Worcester Street, Kidderminster, is planning a busy jubilee weekend.

A 60 Years of Music event with more than 30 local bands and DJs starts on the evening of Friday June 1, and runs daily till Monday night.

There will be three performance areas including an outside stage on the top of the aptly named Coronation Gardens, plus a poetry area.

It will be a free event.

On the Saturday, Sunday and Monday, there will also be poetry and art-related workshops, a number of stalls, and a choice of hot food.

There will also be a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses, and all proceeds will go to Cancer Research.

Alongside the music and poetry, the Boars Head Gallery is on the Worcestershire Arts Trail, which runs throughout the festivities.

Many local Artists will be in the Gallery over the weekend, showing off their skills.

## Death of surveyor, aged 70



Tim Elliott, aged 70

POPULAR and respected chartered surveyor and auctioneer Tim Elliott has died aged 70.

Mr Elliott was senior partner of Phipps & Pritchard estate agents of Kidderminster, Stourport and Bridgnorth until it merged with McCartneys in January. He then became senior consultant.

Mr Elliott died at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, on May 8.

He was a former captain, chairman and president of Hagley Cricket Club and a recent captain and committee member of Kidderminster Golf Club. His interests also included Kidderminster Round Table and 41 Club.

Mr Elliott, of Ombersley, near Worcester, leaves a widow, Teresa. The funeral will be at 10.45am on May 29 at St Andrew's Church, Ombersley.

## Appeal for blood

BLOOD donor sessions are at Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster, on June 1 at 1.15-3.30pm and 4.30-7.15pm. Call 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment.

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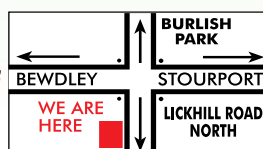
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## Olympics challenge for police

WEST Mercia Police have been working out how to help control the London Olympics while maintaining their usual work locally.

Fifty-one forces are working together to resource the 105-day long national policing initiative, which begins on June 4.

West Mercia Police will support the operation by providing officers to assist for 62 days.

Final planning for their deployment is underway, but most will assist the Metropolitan and Dorset police forces, which have the largest tasks.

The commitment of the force varies each day, ranging from 121 officers to as few as two.

Most will be beat officers, but specialists will be there too, including some from the public order unit, dog unit, and firearms section.

Annual leave has been restricted, and volunteers will be called in to help.

Assistant Chief Constable Guy Rutter, of West Mercia Police, said that despite the challenge, local people would not notice any drop in their service.

## Chimney on fire

FIRE crews were called to a chimney fire in Stourport. Kidderminster fire crews were called to Ferry Lane at around 10pm on Saturday evening after a resident reported their chimney was on fire.

# Family in tribute to tragic 'loveable rogue'

THE family of Thomas Matthew Edwards, who died when his motorbike was in a crash with a Land Rover near Stourport, paid tribute to him, describing him as a "lovable rogue".

Thomas, aged 23 and from the Stourport area, was about to become a father for the second time. His girlfriend Danielle, is expecting their baby, a little girl they have already named Summer.

Thomas was a dedicated father to his son, Charlie, from a previous relationship.

He was known to his family and friends as "Nut-Job" because of the zany person he was.

He was a loving son to father Matthew and mother Sarah and cared very much for his stepmother Lisa, sisters Julie and Megan, and brothers Jamie and Tobias.

### Messages

Thomas worked in Germany, Italy and France in the construction industry before a summer as a rep in Zante, and the family have been touched by the countless messages they have received from all over the world.

Thomas was never workshy or lacking confidence. He completed a catering course at Worcester, where his ability as a chef was highly commended.

His family said there was no such word as "can't" for Thomas. He was a colourful character who lived life to



Thomas Edwards

the full. Pc Nick Gimbert is investigating the tragedy. He said: "Our thoughts go out to Thomas's family and friends.

"The collision took place at around 5.20pm on Friday, May 11, on the A451 between Dunley and Great Witley.

"It appears Thomas was travelling towards Dunley when he came off his black Yamaha motorcycle. A silver Land Rover which was travelling in the opposite direction towards Great Witley, then collided with Thomas.

"We are still appealing for witnesses and I would urge anyone who saw what happened to call us on 0300 333 3000 quoting 491S 110512."

## Computer firm's golf success



From left, OGL's winning team Simon McGuire, Paul Byrne and Paul Colwell

A COMPUTER firm based in Stourport and Kidderminster got into the swing of Stourport Swifts' annual golf day.

OGL Computer sponsored and won the competition at Kidderminster Golf Club. The event was fully subscribed with 20 teams.

Players came from local businesses including Big Print Shop, Dolland & Aitchison and The Community Housing Group, as well as being led by individuals such as Patrick Smith, Kidderminster Golf Club's professional player, and ex-Swifts and Kid-

derminster Harriers manager, Phil Mullen. The 80 players raised more than £1,500 for the Walshes Meadow side.

OGL's team, captained by group managing director Paul Byrne, won the event. In second place were the Roy Matthews team with 80 points. Third was a team led by Stourport Swifts' manager, Rod Brown, with 79 points.

In fourth place was the team of Kidderminster Golf Club's professional, Patrick Smith, with 78 points.

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## Isabelle's art scoops a family prize

TALENTED young artist Isabelle Ellis has won a fantastic prize for her family.

Isabelle, six, a member of Stourport library, was winner in a Worcestershire colouring competition which attracted hundreds of entries.

Her artistic skills won a family ticket to the CBeebies Live Reach for the Stars show at the LG Arena, in Birmingham.

The winner being chosen by Worcestershire County Council Head of Adult and Community Services, Eddie Clarke.

The competition was part of a number of colouring, story, fun and rhyme events in April to encourage families and children to use their libraries.

Ruth Foster Literacy and Reading Manager said: "The competition has been a wonderful opportunity for children to take part in library events to encourage the love of books and reading."

"We were overwhelmed with the response to the competition and enjoyed seeing new families using the library and seeing all we have on offer, and it's much more than just books."



Isabelle Ellis and the colouring which won a fantastic trip for her family

## Fraud alert to businesses

PEOPLE and businesses in Worcestershire are being warned of a scam known as overpayment fraud.

The warning comes as part of Scam Awareness Month, which is run by trading standards in May, and follows a recent investigation where a business in Worcester was conned out of more than £40,000.

Robin Longmore, Financial Intelligence Development Officer with West Mercia Police's Economic Crime Unit,

explained that the fraud works when someone, usually outside the country, agrees to buy goods and then sends funds well in excess of the asking price.

They then apologise for the error and ask for the extra funds to be returned. That money is sent to them, but then the original cheque or bankers' draft turns out to be fraudulent and is not honoured.

Mr Longmore said: "After the overpayment has been refunded, the original payment bounces, leaving the victim vastly out of pocket."

This happened to a Worcestershire-based manufacturing company in December 2011, which lost tens of thousands of pounds to the fraudsters.

"When you pay a cheque into your account, the physical cheque needs to be returned to the issuing bank and verified. So even though funds may appear as cleared on your account, it takes another few days for the issuing bank to receive the cheque and honour it. It is these few days which provide fraudsters with a window of opportunity," Mr Longmore said.

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# Frying start for Craig's oven cleaning business



Craig Fletcher who is celebrating a successful first year in business

AN oven cleaning business which covers the Kidderminster and Stourport areas is celebrating its first anniversary.

Ovenu owner Craig Fletcher says he has had more than 350 satisfied clients in the past year.

He was an auditor for a gas and electrical company before launching Ovenu, which is based in Stourbridge, because he wanted to be his own boss.

The risk of starting a business in a difficult economic climate was eased since the franchise was already well-established, having been run for the previous five years by Roger Rackham.

Mr Fletcher said: "I am very pleased with the success of the business over the past year."

"The clients have been very supportive and have made the job a real pleasure. I hope to build on this success."

## Customers

He added: "Job satisfaction is very high. One of the best parts is seeing my customers' faces once I have completed the job and I always receive excellent feedback from customers who are so happy to have a clean and safe oven again."

Rik Hellewell, Founder of Ovenu, said: "I'm delighted that Craig is making such a success of the business."

"Even in difficult economic circumstances, this is proof that dedicated people can use our franchise model to create very successful small businesses."

"The Ovenu process involves dismantling key components of an oven such as the door, interior panels, fan and shelves and placing them into design-registered tank equipment, which uses safe, non-caustic products to clean the oven parts."

The whole process takes around three to four hours.

## Carnival spotlight waits for talent

PERFORMERS can shine at Kidderminster Carnival on June 23.

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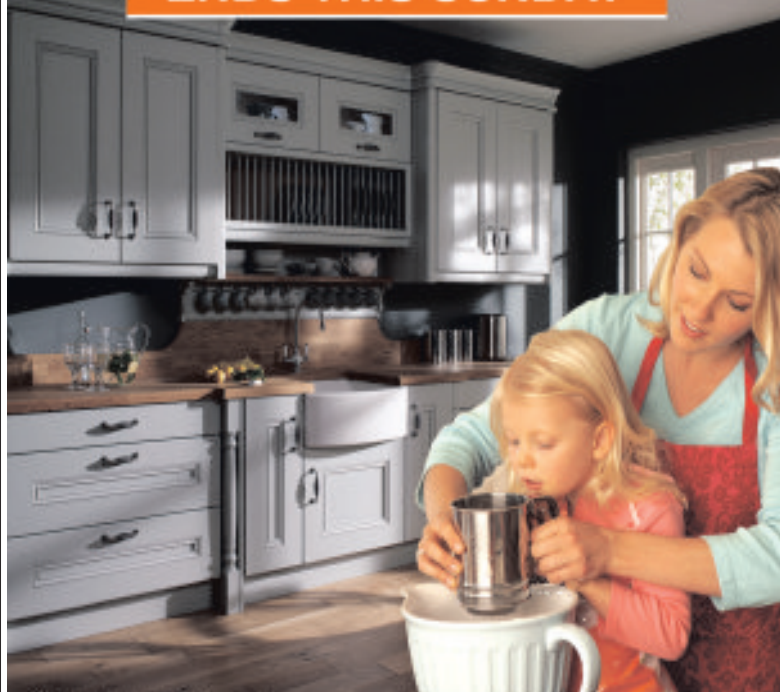
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# To Ted it's so much more than just a paper round

As we celebrate Local Newspaper Week we talk to Ted Adams about his weekly Chronicle round

TO MOST people doing a paper round may seem like a normal everyday activity. But for teenager Ted Adams, who three years ago was diagnosed with a brain tumour, it's far more than that.

Now aged 15, Ted underwent two major operations at Birmingham Children's Hospital and received proton radiotherapy treatment in America.

The Royal Wolverhampton School pupil has since received three positive brain scans and, as part of his bid to lead as normal a life as possible, took up a paper round delivering The Chronicle last October.

## Prayer

Ted is just one of the many delivery boys and girls throughout the region who, whatever the weather, take the news to your door.

Ted gives up two hours of his time to deliver 170 newspapers every Friday, as well as the Wolverhampton Magazine once a month, around Penn Common.

"I hadn't really thought about doing something like this but when the opportunity came up I thought it'd be great," Ted said.

"It makes me feel independent as I make some money from it and it's good to do normal things like this after the problems I had."

Ted is currently sitting his GCSEs and hopes to study catering at Wolverhampton College in September.

Ted's parents Ashleigh and David said seeing their son do the paper round meant a lot to them.

"It is every prayer answered that Ted is strong and well and able to do a paper round," Ashleigh said. "It keeps him fit, gives him responsibility, teaches a good work ethic



Off on his round - Ted with his proud mother Ashleigh and he enjoys earning a bit of money which gives him a sense of independence.

"It's also given him confidence and that's been really important. For us it is far more than just delivering papers - it represents Ted leading a normal teenage life."

Local Newspaper Week is an ideal opportunity time for us to pay tribute to all the hard-working boys and girls who take our news to the door every week.

"We are local newspapers with local news about local people and we aim to give readers what they want," said Chronicles series Group Editor Sue Attwater.

"Over the years we have built up a strong readership and we never underestimate the importance of each and every one of our readers and delivery teams."

## Gina loves her Chronicle fix

SHE is a community person who knows all there is to know about Wolverhampton, but Gina Parker isn't happy unless she's had her weekly Chronicle fix.

The Finchfield resident has been reading the paper for as long as she can remember and said it fitted in with her fervent passion for the city.

Gina, who used to work at Boulton Paul and as a teacher at Sandwell College, is an active community resident who is involved in an over 50s forum and the older people's partnership board.

## Information

"I'm very passionate about Wolverhampton - I've lived here all my life and if you chopped my legs off it'd say Wolverhampton all the way through," she said.

"I think the Chronicle represents the city very well. There is so much to learn about in Wolverhampton and there are lots of local activities you don't necessarily get to hear about



Gina enjoys her weekly read

unless you see it in the paper. I see things I might not have seen otherwise. It might only be a small piece but it's enough to give the information that it's out there."

Gina said she looked forward to her Chronicle particularly for the Memory Lane feature.

"I love the Memory Lane page and the thing that's probably most useful is the television timetable," she added. "I value local news very highly, as a lot of people do, and I'd really miss the paper if it wasn't there."

## WHERE CHRONICLES GO

Publication	Distribution /Circulation	Readership
Wolverhampton Chronicle	57,560	85,615
Dudley Chronicle	39,653	59,201
Halesowen Chronicle	28,773	48,897
Kidderminster Chronicle	31,294	42,543
Stourbridge Chronicle	40,827	62,412
Walsall Chronicle	52,773	83,012
Sandwell Chronicle	48,762	78,711
Cannock Chronicle	61,463	90,581

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# Public asked to have their say on services

## Town fair's salad challenge



Lewis Stanley, Tony Thompson of the Farm Shop and mayor Jan Adams

CRAFTS, entertainment, and a local produce market were among the attractions at the Discover Bewdley Spring Fair.

And one of the highlights was the Chefs' Salad Challenge which attracted chefs from no fewer than six restaurants in the town.

The cooks had just 10 minutes to create a salad from local produce

supplied by the Farm Shop and the Bewdley Deli.

Their efforts were judged by Emma Passey, of Passey Catering, who was the winner of last year's challenge, Sara Hirst, of Transitions Bewdley, and town mayor Jan Adams.

And first prize went to Lewis Stanley, who works at the Mug House Inn, in Severnside North.

**RESIDENTS** are being asked to have their say on the provision of local services in a new survey.

People in Worcestershire, including the Wyre Forest district, can give their views on issues such as public services, democracy, customer service, and measures for future growth.

People who sign up to Worcestershire Viewpoint are asked to complete two surveys a year, giving them a chance to have their say about services and issues affecting the area.

The answers are used to inform future decision-making by Worcestershire County Council about which services are provided, and how.

### Questions

Although the survey can be completed by anyone, the county council is particularly interested to hear from residents under the age of 35 who have been under-represented in previous surveys.

The questions should take no longer than 20 minutes to fill out with simple tick box answers.

The opportunity to expand on ideas and opinions is offered.

For anyone without internet access, the survey can be completed online at any of the county council's libraries, and in Worcestershire Hub customer centres.

The Viewpoint Survey can be accessed by logging on to the website [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/viewpoint](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/viewpoint)

### Rare orchid spotted

RANGERS at Worcester Woods Country Park have spotted a rare green winged orchid at Hornhill Meadows. One was last seen there seven years ago. It's hoped the introduction of longhorned cattle helped increase the diversity of the meadow.

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### Men-only sessions to lose weight

MEN seeking to lose weight can sign up for free health sessions.

The 12-week, men-only scheme, called Fit Blokes, is being run by Dudley Public Health's weight management team at Huntingtree Park activity centre, in Huntingtree Road, Halesowen.

To qualify, men must have a body mass index of 30 and above, or 27.5 and above if of South Asian origin, and have a Dudley GP. Call 01384 322123 for more details.

# Police swoop to spot-check scrap dealers in metal theft crackdown

**POLICE carried out spot checks at scrap dealers in Kidderminster and Stourport as part of a continuing crackdown on metal theft.**

Local Policing Team officers and partners including the Environment Agency, Wyre Forest District Council, Network Rail and British Transport Police, carried out checks at five businesses in the area.

The visits were made with a representative from SmartWater who tested for the

presence of forensic coding solutions which might indicate whether metal had been stolen.

All five dealers were found to be working within the law and the owners said they welcomed such checks.

Pc Andy Wallace, who took part in the operation, said: "Scrap metal dealers who are registered record the names and addresses of those selling to them, the quantity and type of material, and the details of any vehicle they are using.

"The police and other agencies have the power to go into these premises, inspect metal and where there is evidence that it is stolen, use the recorded information to trace thieves.

"Metal dealers who comply in this way deter thieves from trying to sell on stolen property. And if you remove the market then there's no point in stealing the metal in the first place.

"We welcome the support we receive from dealers who do work within the law."

Pc Wallace added: "Metal thieves have caused misery for thousands of people. The railways have experienced significant issues for some time and recently criminals have been targeting metal such as power cables, utility pipes, phone cabling, homes and businesses, and vehicle catalytic converters."

He said the crackdown included roadside checks on vehicles transporting scrap metal, and further operations were planned.

Anyone with information about metal thefts can call police on 101.

### Invitation to join in celebration

ORGANISERS of jubilee celebrations in Claverley, near Bridgnorth, are looking for people who were married or born in 1952.

The celebrations to mark 60 years of the Queen's reign will be spread over two days, with a street party in the Bull Ring on June 3 and a Party in the Park on the school field on June 4.

Volunteers are also needed to help set up the street party. Anyone interested can call Ellie Taylor on 07712 932837.

### Claire cooks up a treat for charity



Claire Wier with some of the cakes she baked

A KIDDERMINSTER mother has raised more than £400 with a charity cup cake sale.

Claire Wier, of Franche Road, turned her gift for baking into a challenge to raise money for Brain Tumour UK by inviting family and friends to join her for the event.

She joined people from across the country in taking part in the Brain Tumour UK's Cupcake Challenge and said the charity was close to her heart.

"Too many of my friends' lives have been affected by a brain tumour and I wanted to raise money to help the wonderful support the charity offers to patients and their families," Claire said. "When I heard about the challenge I thought it was something I could do and enjoy with family and friends at the same time."

Claire, a Slimming World Consultant, even made healthier cup cakes just for her slimming friends.

Her daughter Ella also made cakes to sell at her school, Franche Community Primary, and raised £72.

Headteacher Val Weddell Hall, said: "It's wonderful to be able to support Claire and Ella and raise money for such a good cause."

Visit [www.braintumouruk.org.uk](http://www.braintumouruk.org.uk) for more information about the charity.

### Sadie puts on a show for hospital

A SHOW at Kidderminster Town Hall organised by a former X Factor contender raised £1,400 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The evening was set up by Sadie Owen, who sings with girl band Sinergie.

The event showcased groups and singers performing in a variety of styles from rock 'n' roll and Motown, to ballads with acoustic guitar.

Sadie was moved to stage the event after a close friend spent time in the hospital. She said: "It was a fantastic night and I hope to do the

same thing again, but even bigger next time."

She added: "I want to thank everyone who bought a ticket and helped me make the night so special."

"A huge thank-you to all the acts that performed for free - they were amazing."

"And also, thank-yous are due to all the companies who donated raffle prizes, and to the sound and lighting guys."

Sinergie, a three-piece band, formed in 2007 and reached the Boot Camp stage of X Factor in 2009.

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# MRI scanning service gets faster and better



Tina Wooldridge, CT superintendent radiographer with Vikki Clegg, MRI superintendent radiographer with the MRI scanner when it was installed

**PATIENTS** in Worcestershire are benefiting from improvements to the MRI service at Kidderminster Hospital.

Health bosses say the improvements mean faster scanning times and higher quality images.

A state-of-the-art, £2 million MRI scanner was installed in Kidderminster in October 2010. It has now been updated to increase the accuracy of the results it produces and to cut reduce examination times.

The average time it takes for an MRI scan is now around 20 minutes.

The new system has been designed to put patients at ease. There is a "moodlight" which produces a relaxing atmosphere in the room.

Dr Umesh Udeshi, Clinical Director of Radiology at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "Patients and staff have already noticed the faster scanning times, and the image quality we receive is exceptional."

"This means that the quality and safety of the service that we are providing is even better than before."

"The improved image quality will result in more accurate results for patients."

## Charity on menu at lunch Curtain up at civic theatre

A FUNDRAISING lunch at a Wyre Forest hotel attended by 146 guests, dished up more than £1,000 for a leading cancer charity.

The district's Cancer Research UK committee raised £1,350 at the event at the Granary Hotel, Shenstone, on May 9. Guest speaker was Dr Neil Steven, deputy director of the Cancer Research Institute in Birmingham.

STOURPORT Civic Theatre stages the acclaimed play Much Ado About Wenlock tonight (Thursday) at 7.30.

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North in the record-breaking Type 10 Charabanc in 1913



With the mayor, Sir Charles Mander in 1940



North (hatless) by the pioneering all-metal Boulton & Paul Bolton in 1922



Labour Air Minister Roy Jenkins, with North at a conference about Concorde

# Pioneer North was star in the world of aviation

**JOHN Dudley North was one of the great pioneers of British aviation.**

Not so well known as those who gave their names to famous aircraft companies like Geoffrey De Havilland, Frederick Handley Page and Richard Fairey, nevertheless he wielded as much influence over one particular company as any of them, the local aircraft builder, Boulton Paul Aircraft.

North began an apprenticeship in marine engineering, but in 1911 joined the infant aircraft maker, The Aeronautical Syndicate at Hendon.

When that folded he moved next door to Grahame White Aviation, and soon became chief engineer. One of the aircraft he designed there was the first British aircraft to loop the loop, and his Type 10 Charabanc set a World Record in 1913, by lifting 10 people aloft on the power of its 120 hp engine.

In 1915, aged just 22, he came to the Midlands, helping set up aircraft production lines at Austin Motors and starting up its design office.

Like Austins, Boulton & Paul, a Norwich joinery company, was brought into aircraft manufacturing with Gov-



By Alec Brew

ernment orders. It soon decided to start their own design office, and recruited North as chief engineer.

For more than 50 years he was to be its dominate influence, retiring as chairman. He pioneered the use of metal in aircraft structures, which led to Boulton & Paul being trusted with the design and construction of the largest aircraft ever made in this country, the R.101 Airship.

As aircraft speeds increased he led the way in producing fully enclosed power operated gun turrets for his Overstrand bomber.

He bought the rights to a French electro-hydraulic turret which would arm the famous Defiant fighter and form the basis for the aviation work on which the company thrives to this day.

In 1934 the aircraft department of Boulton & Paul was sold off, and became Boulton Paul Aircraft Ltd. A factory was built on a green-field site at

Pendeford, and 600 Norfolk workers moved to Wolverhampton.

It built nearly 2,000 aircraft at Pendeford, and more than 20,000 Boulton Paul gun turrets armed Allied aircraft during the Second World War.

The electro-hydraulic technology of the turrets was applied to the design of power control units which were increasingly used in jet aircraft, and the company was at the forefront in designing electronic fly-by-wire controls, as used in Concorde and modern combat aircraft and airliners.

He oversaw the merger of 'his' company with that of his great friend George Dowty. The firm which, after a series of take-overs, became Moog Aerospace.

North was a self taught man with a brilliant mind, who absorbed scientific knowledge and was able to apply it to practical engineering solutions.

He loved cricket and alpinism and cultivated a fine alpine garden at his Bridgnorth home.

North died in 1968; he been awarded a CBE, but it is difficult to understand why he never received the knighthood he deserved, for honing the cutting edge of British aviation for 55 years.



North shows Sir Archiebald Sinclair turret parts in 1942



A 50 years service award in 1967 is presented by his friend George Dowty, with Mrs North



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## LETTERS

# Let children walk their way to health

I READ with interest George Morris's suggestion that the sale of ice cream and soft drinks outside school gates might be a contributory factor in increased obesity among children.

When I fell into that category, we too used to have the occasional ice-cream after school, though I and most of my school friends were as sleek as whip-pets.

I can't help wondering if this was the result of the walk to and from school. Mr Morris berates the fact that the queues of children at the ice-cream vans help to block the footpath to pedestrians, many of whom are

pushing prams, push-chairs etc. I would respectfully suggest that the blockage caused by a few children at the ice-cream van is of no import when weighed against the horrendous traffic jams, all too often caused by the mothers, and yes, sometimes even by the fathers who insist on transporting their issue a matter of no more than a few hundred yards to the school gates in huge 4x4s vehicles.

Yes, it was much safer to allow children to walk alone to school in my day, but I can't help thinking that the walk to and from school would benefit not only the children but the parents as well. It is a

well known fact that exercise and diet are the two factors that control the relentless onslaught of obesity, and I feel sure that if today's kids made the journey to and from school on foot, their health would improve tremendously, even as their weight tumbled in tandem with it.

So come on moms and dads, turn the clocks back to the old days when very few families had a car, let alone two or three to a family, with the only alternative being Shanks's pony.

**B Parsons,  
Millard Road,  
Coseley.**

## Our police should be priority for Cameron

THE police in England and Wales face cuts to their front line services, which will mean less police officers on the beat.

This will in turn have an effect on the safety of the law abiding citizens. Yet the government continues to support a NATO initiative in Afghanistan that is doomed to failure. This includes training their police and army to take over the security of that country.

If we can afford to support and train other countries' police, why is our government even considering reducing our front line police services?

Surely the safety and security of the British public should be their first priority and come in second to another country.

**Keith V Joyce,  
Old Park Road,  
Wesnesbury.**

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Is it too late for apprenticeships?

DURING the early years of Margaret Thatcher's time as Prime Minister, there were some 70-80 training boards, each responsible for ensuring first class training in their fields of expertise. The government decided to dismantle this system.

I had been involved in the provision of industrial training for some 14 years and later as a lecturer in production engineering. Learning of the plans to eliminate the boards, I wrote a letter of protest Mrs Thatcher. Although receiving acknowledgment to my letter from the minister responsible (James Prior), the elimination of most of the boards took place. I believe the only two survivors remaining are those for the construction and road transport industries.

All governments since have failed to rectify this deficiency, resulting in a 20-30 year gap in people able to continue manning the relevant equipment.

Apprenticeships have suddenly been reinvented, as if they never existed - has this realisation come too late?

**Jack Gage,  
Westfield Road, Willenhall.**

## 70mph is quite fast enough for anyone

RE the pros and cons for increasing the maximum speed on motorways.

If you use any of the midland conurbation motorways, forget it.

However, I would have thought that the present 70mph is quite fast enough for anyone.

Don't forget that an extra 10mph increases the weight of your vehicle (by possibly a ton) when hitting another vehicle. It also reduces your braking distance quite considerably.

Who are these people who wish to bomb up and down our motorways? Are they HS2 supporters trying to prove a need for HS2?

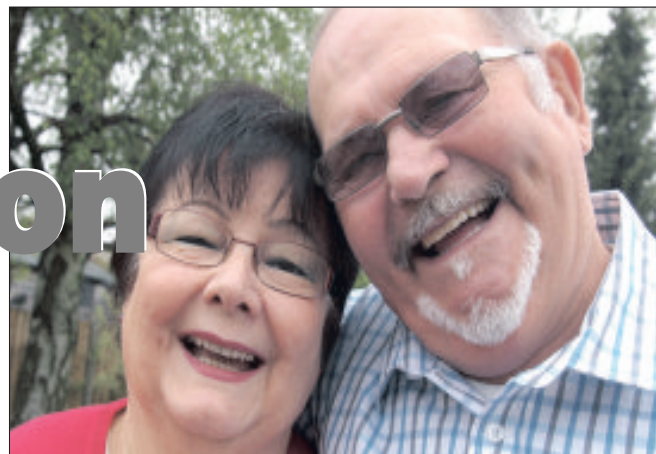
My advice to people who think 70mph is not fast enough, get a pilot's licence.

**Malcolm Saxon,  
Central Avenue,  
Tipton.**

## ADVERTISEMENT

# Clive's transformation

A working union between two dental professionals is helping to bring about life-changing outcomes. Retired sales director Clive, right, with wife Margaret, was terrified of dentists. Read why now he's recommending his friends book in to see them.



## Suction solution

A CUTTING-EDGE development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is now available.

Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) says the invention has the potential to improve the life quality of those experiencing long-term problems with ill-fitting teeth. The Ultra Suction teeth are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices.

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## Traditional options

THE work of the Denture Clinic has found satisfied customers from as far away as Spain. Its hand-crafted dentures, made in laboratories on the premises, are known for their natural look. Clinic principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng), says: "I remain passionate about resolving denture problems and for many, quality, traditional dentures can bring about hugely effective results."

CLIVE was so afraid of the dentist he plucked up all of his courage and begged him to extract all of his teeth so that he'd never have problems ever again.

That was more than 20 years ago, but what the retired sales director didn't know was that his tooth troubles were far from over.

Following the extractions dentures were fitted and he no problems for a few years. It was a welcome break from the pain he had experienced and the catalogue of dental disasters he had endured.

But the natural ageing process began to take its toll and Clive experienced stability problems with the lower denture as his gums receded. For five years he endured the embarrassment of dentures,

sore spots on his gums and denying himself some of his favourite foods. "It took real determination to face up to the problem and the prospect of more dental work."

Clive recalls his first dental nightmare: Stationed at Malta while in the Royal Navy, he suddenly had raging toothache the night before he was due to play in a football match.

"I'd been drinking to dull the pain but as soon as I was back on board the duty dentists was summoned. He'd been drinking too and when he injected me with the anaesthetic he broke the needle.

"I eventually had to have an X-ray so he could find where the needle was. That was me finished. I'd do anything to avoid the dentist from there on."

In recent years Clive has had four den-

ture relines to help the stability issues, but none provided a long-term solution.

Flashing his new smile and laughing heartily, Clive adds: "Things were so bad that if I turned to the right my teeth would still be facing forward.

"I can't stress how big a deal it was for me to get things sorted. I was terrified, so when I saw a piece in the paper about Steven Burchell and suction denture technology, I agreed to see him."

Clive's gum erosion was too severe for the suction system to work effectively and he decided to have implant-retained dentures. He was referred by Mr Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng), whose Denture Clinic is based at the Parkdale Dental Clinic in Tetterhall Road, Wolverhampton, and North Street, Dudley, to implantologist Mr

Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc. Mr Pugh, principal of the Parkdale practice, carried out the surgery and the prosthetics were hand-crafted by Mr Burchell.

Clive recalls the procedure. "I was dreading it, but all I felt was a sensation that Mr Pugh was rubbing my gums." Clive's wife, Margaret, adds: "It's true! I was allowed to sit in with Clive. We were both treated excellently."

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Shows in  
£3k boost  
for charity

TWO fashion shows held on the same day in Bridgnorth raised more than £3,000 for charity.

Money will go towards the Headcase Cancer Trust, a Bridgnorth-based charity that funds research projects into finding cures for brain tumours.

The trust was set up in memory of Becky Speirs, who died in 2010, aged 40, following a year-long battle with a glioblastoma brain tumour. The shows were held at Worfield Golf Club and Astbury Hall.

Jonathan, 87, relives memories of  
the theatre thanks to care home boss

A CARE home near Kidderminster made a wish come true for one of its residents by helping him relive his passion for the theatre.

During its recent Dignity in Care week, residents at Westley Court Care Home, in Austcliffe Lane, Cookley, wrote down a wish to be suspended on a special tree.

Since then, staff at the home, which is owned by Alpha Care Homes, have been doing their best to make the wishes come true.

Resident Jonathan Gray's wish was granted when he was taken down memory lane with a trip to the theatre.

Mr Gray, who is 87, was an actor and starred in a number of stage productions, including Wuthering Heights.

Westley Court manager, Sam Naujeer, accompanied him on a trip to the Palace Theatre, in Redditch, to see Dr Doolittle.

Mr Naujeer said: "Jonathan has lived with us now for three years. He often tells us about his acting and dancing days, and even has a tale to tell about giving dance lessons to Prince Hussein of Jordan.

"It was a great day, and it was very fulfilling to know we were able to make Jonathan so happy."

Mr Gray said: "I was a professional actor for years and played many parts in many productions.

"It used to be a different play every week," he added.

"I used to act at the Theatre Royal in Leeds, which is sadly no longer there," he added.

"I really enjoyed my day out. It brought back many fond memories."



Sam Naujeer with Jonathan Gray

Public are  
invited to  
see garden

A GARDEN near Stourport that covers a quarter of an acre and which has been designed to appear as "rooms", is to be opened to the public this weekend.

Prickly Bungalows in Hockman's Lane, Martley, has a cottage-style garden with two ponds and a woodland area.

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Dragons  
winner in  
initiative

A BUSINESSMAN who impressed tycoons on Dragons' Den has been drafted in by Business Secretary Vince Cable to help launch a new scheme for entrepreneurs.

The "Breaking Down the Barriers to Entrepreneurship" project was launched at the House of Commons to help small businesses expand.

Neil Westwood, who grew up in Kingswinford, secured a £100,000 investment from Dragons Theo Pappas and Deborah Meaden when he pitched the idea of his Magic Whiteboard on the BBC show in 2008.

He was one of 70 businesses people invited to the Commons event.

Mr Westwood, a father-of-two, of Worcester, said: "I supported the recommendation for encouraging an enterprise culture in schools and inspiring students to set up businesses."

He has won deals with Ryman and Office Depot for his creation - re-usable, portable sheets which can be stuck to any hard surface to form a whiteboard.

## Sizzling success

A BRIDGNORTH butcher who runs his fledgling business by himself, scooped a top award in Nottingham.

Craig Finch, aged 30 and from Gornal Wood, who has a shop in High Street, won the plain pork sausage prize at the Robin Hood Sausage Championship.

Photo competition winners  
have county wildlife in focus

THIS photograph of a scarce Worcestershire butterfly is the overall winner of this year's photography competition run by local charity Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.

More than 130 spectacular photos were entered into the competition, which asked photographers to focus on the charity's nature reserves and the wildlife found there.

Man faces  
trial over  
car tragedy

A MAN is to stand trial after he denied causing the death of a Scout leader by careless or inconsiderate driving.

Timothy Blake, 34, pleaded not guilty at Kidderminster Magistrates' Court.

The court heard Blake, of Mill Road, Stourport, was driving on the A442 in Kidderminster, on June 3 when he was in a collision with a car driven by Terence Dovey.

Mr Dovey suffered a broken leg and was taken to hospital. The court heard Mr Dovey was found dead at home three weeks later. The cause of death was a pulmonary embolism caused by deep vein thrombosis, said by the prosecution to have stemmed from his leg injury.

Blake will stand trial on a date to be fixed.

The winners feature in the trust's 2013 calendar, which is on sale now.

Wendy Carter of the trust, said: "This is the third year we've run the competition and each year it gets harder to pick 12 winning images."

Each month of the calendar features an A4 print of the winning image and two smaller runner-up images.

The front cover image is of a pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly taken in the Wyre Forest by Jason Curtis of Far Forest. The butterfly used to be common in Worcestershire but is now confined to the Wyre Forest.

Mr Curtis said: "I was delighted and surprised to hear that I had been voted the 2012 winner."

"This is only the second time I have entered a photography competition. The hours spent in very very uncomfortable and embarrassing positions over the years hasn't been wasted."

To see the pictures go to [www.worcshirewildlifetrust.co.uk](http://www.worcshirewildlifetrust.co.uk) or log on to [www.flickr.com/photos/worcshirewildlifetrust](http://www.flickr.com/photos/worcshirewildlifetrust).



A pearl-bordered fritillary butterfly by Jason Curtis, the overall winner



Tim Ellis captured the sunshine breaking through the trees at Chaddeley Wood, which was picked as October's image

## Month by month, the full list of winners

January - Stuart Andrews (Bromsgrove) - snipe at Upton Warren nature reserve.

February - Gethin Thomas (Redditch) - veteran tree at Piper's Hill and Dodderhill Common nature reserve.

March - Jason Curtis (Far Forest) - common toad at Knowles Coppice nature reserve.

April - Paul Lane (St Johns, Worcester) - the Granary at Lower Smite Farm.

May (and overall winner) - Jason Curtis (Far Forest) - pearl-bordered fritillary at Knowles Coppice nature reserve.

June - Dave Butler (Worcester) - common spotted orchid at Eades Meadow nature reserve.

July - Bob Tunstall (Worcester) - emperor dragonfly at Lower Smite Farm.

August - Tony Ellis (Wordsley, Stourbridge) - starling at Upton Warren nature reserve.

September - Bas Yates (Inkberrow) - hummingbird hawkmoth at Grafton Wood nature reserve.

October - Tim Ellis (Stourport on Severn) - sunrise at Chaddeley Wood nature reserve.

November - Melvyn Dodd (Kingswinford) - grey heron at Upton Warren.

December - Ruth Bourne (Droitwich Spa) - berries at Lower Smite Farm.

Helping  
young  
homeless

A SPONSORED walk is being held over the Malvern Hills in Worcestershire in aid of a charity that helps young homeless people in the West Midlands, including Kidderminster and Sandwell.

The St Basils walking challenge is on June 9 and the closing date for registration forms is May 25.

St Basils, which is now in its 40th year, works with young people aged 16 to 25, to enable them to find and keep a home. It helps 4,000 young people each year and can accommodate more than 400 a night.

So far 60 teams have signed up for this year's walk including businesses. It is a team event and there are two routes of 13 miles and 26 miles.

The charity's head of fundraising Lucy Hackett said: "St Basils helps young people who have their whole lives in front of them."

"It is not just about providing short-term accommodation, but support services and learning, skills and work programmes that will help ensure young people can go on to be independent, make a success of their lives, and hopefully never return to a crisis situation."

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# Drop in number out of work welcomed by MP

## Ceri's inspiring charity effort



Torchbearer Ceri Davies, centre, with staff at O2 including Sam Britton, John Baran and Chelsey Hopkins and mascots Mintie and Melanie

A CAMPAIGNER from Kingswinford, who will be one of the torchbearers at this year's Olympic Games, has raised £1,000 for a good cause.

Ceri Davies, aged 22, of the Crestwood estate, was at the O2 mobile phone store at Merry Hill shopping centre collecting for More Mascots Please, which supports seriously ill children. Ceri, who was born with spina bifida and cerebral palsy, has dedicated her life to campaigning on

disability and youth issues. She has been an ambassador for the Princess Diana Trust, a prominent member of Dudley's Youth Parliament and governor at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

She will be carrying the torch in Wolverhampton on June 30. She said: "I've never let my disability get in the way."

She also has a BA with honours at Wolverhampton University.

WYRE Forest MP Mark Garnier has welcomed a drop in unemployment.

There were 107 fewer people out of work in April compared to March. But the Tory MP says the jobless figure is still too high.

The figures, from the House of Commons library, show that the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) in Wyre Forest has decreased from 2,431 to 2,324.

This represents 4.8 per cent of the economically active population aged 16 to 64. Wyre Forest is the 355th highest of the 650 UK constituencies, meaning it's unemployment figures are above average.

Mr Garnier said: "Whilst it is encouraging to see the unemployment figures coming down, it is still too high. Jobcentre plus is reporting 500 available jobs, meaning that there is work out there. But with more than four people looking for each job, we need to bring more opportunity to Wyre Forest."

He said there were encouraging signs of new investment in the area including Tesco and Asda's new stores; M&S and Sainsbury's extending their stores, and a significant planning application for the sugar beet site. He has also announced another jobs fair on September 20 at Kidderminster Town Hall.

He added: "We cannot rest on our laurels but must spend more time attracting more businesses."

### Business is honoured

CONTACT COUNTS, a business in Hagley, has been highly commended in property industry awards. Richard Dalton, who started the online property tracking firm with wife Emma, said development plans were in place.

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# Change of career brings national caring award

A FORMER hairdresser who was inspired to become a care worker after visiting her grandmother at a care home has won a national award.

Jackie Preen, who works at Ravenhurst Care Home in Stourport, scooped the Care Newcomer gong at a ceremony in London recently, after finishing second in the regional finals of the Great British Care Awards. The 47-year-old mother of three said she was "delighted" to win.

Before starting work at Ravenhurst Care Home 18 months ago, she visited her late grandmother Elsie White there – and decided to pursue the career she had always wanted. She has worked as a mobile hairdresser in Wyre Forest for 30 years. She said: "I had wanted to go into care for a long,

long time but wasn't able to because of commitments with my children.

"I loved the home and decided I wanted to be part of it. I got the job and am part of a wonderful team here and love every minute of it. I love the residents; they give me so much more than I think I ever give them, and they just make everything worthwhile. They are like my second family."

Mrs Preen, of Wilden, Stourport, was nominated for the regional award by the home's manager Anastasia Meredith.

She said: "To give an example of Jackie's dedication to her role, she will often come to work on her days off to help to take our residents on trips. Her dedication to her role is truly inspirational and we are all so proud to have her as part of our team."

# Traders' revamp misery

**A £900,000 revamp of Kinver High Street is causing misery for residents and shops, more than a year after work was completed, traders say.**

Businesses said their fight to remove chicanes placed along the busy road as part of the project, had "not been put to bed".

And they remain hopeful that Staffordshire County Council will take action after villagers won a reduction in some of the measures following a campaign last year.

Traders said the changes, including the removal of some of the chicanes, had not gone far enough and there were still constant problems being

experienced along the route.

Shopkeepers said the road still became congested at delivery times as there was no space for lorries to pull in to drop off goods.

And they said some drivers were still becoming confused over who had the right of way along the route, leading to an increased risk of accidents.

## Problems

Trader Sarah Jolly, of The Butchery, said: "Even after all this time, we are still experiencing problems with the road layout.

"Delivery days are an absolute nightmare.

"There is just no room for the lorries to manoeuvre, and it leads to problems along the High Street.

# Restaurant to change

WORK to transform a Stourbridge restaurant into a Chicago's bar, creating 30 jobs, will get under way in July.

Bosses are investing £500,000 in converting the former Que Pasa premises in the Ryemarket shopping centre.

The new bar is expected to open at the beginning of September, bosses confirmed.

There had been a Chicago Rock Cafe in the town centre for six years before it closed when parent company 3DE collapsed in March 2010. The premises later became a JD Wetherspoon.

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# Patriotic quilt is proving popular



Linda Thornton, of Stourbridge, who has made a Union flag Land of Hope and Glory quilt

A UNION Flag quilt created by a Midland grandmother has proved a surprise hit with sewing fans across the globe.

Linda Thornton, of Stourton, near Stourbridge, has sold the pattern to fellow quilters in the UK and requests have come from as far afield as the USA and Japan.

Mrs Thornton, aged 59, was first asked to make the quilt by her 38-year-old son Mick to use on his regular camping trips.

She expected a Union Flag pattern to be readily available in shops but was unable to find one. Undeterred, Mrs Thornton decided to make a pattern of her own sewing the quilt together over a period of around two months.

"My friends saw the quilt and wanted to make one of their own so I made the pattern available and it has really all sprung from there," she said. "I decided to sell the pattern, called Land of Hope and Glory, and it has been really successful."

The pattern is being sold on ebay and more details are available at [www.new-wood-farm.co.uk](http://www.new-wood-farm.co.uk)

# Start date for firm's new base

A CONSTRUCTION firm will start work on its new headquarters in August and plans to complete its relocation from one Black Country town to another within a year.

Kendrick Construction Group has been based in Walsall for more than 100 years but is moving its core operations to a site in Hagley Road, Stourbridge.

The company's plan to create the base at the former Westhill Clinic site was approved by Dudley planners at a meeting earlier this month.

And bosses from the 150-year-old firm said workers would be on site from August.

# Church will stage show of flowers

A BLACK Country church is staging a flower festival in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The event will run from June 1 to 5 at All Saints Church, in Vicar Street, Sedgley.

The floral arrangements on display will depict events from the decades of the Queen's reign and paintings created by schoolchildren will also be on show.

It will run in tandem with an exhibition celebrating the last 60 years of village life.

Admission to the flower festival is £3, or £2 with a ticket from the exhibition.

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## Manilow's still got it

Barry Manilow, LG Arena, Birmingham  
"I'VE still got it!" quipped Barry Manilow, as his legion of Fanilows roared their approval for the line "when can I touch you" during his 36-year-old ballad Weekend In New England.

The New York singer-songwriter has still got it, if it's the skill and charm of a consummate showman. He hasn't written a hit since his fertile period between 1975 and 90, but that leaves more than enough material to turn a 90 minute show into a greatest hits cavalcade.

There were the upbeat pop tunes, such as It's A Miracle, Could It Be Magic and Copacabana, but best were the ballads when Barry, though still a nifty mover at 68, sat at his keyboard. "Now the sex god needs to sit down," he said, with self-deprecating wit.

### Tears

Even Now, All The Time, Looks Like We Made It - these songs are special to the mostly female and mostly middle-aged audience. Tears were in eyes as they waved their glow sticks.

It had been ten years since his last Birmingham show, in which time he released little original material until last year's fame concept album 15 Minutes - from which two songs were warmly received. The Brooklyn songsmith's duet via video with his younger self for Mandy was poignant.

Could it be magic? Yes, it was.

Leon Burakowski

# Susan dreamed a dream and it comes true in new musical

BRITAIN'S Got Talent singing star Susan Boyle guest stars in a musical about her own life, coming to Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

## Marooned but magnificent

**The Tempest, RSC, Stratford**  
JONATHAN Slinger gives a commanding, emotional performance as Prospero, the overthrown duke turned marooned magician, which towers over this production of Shakespeare's final play. It is being presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company as part of the Bard's Shipwreck Trilogy, with the same cast performing The Comedy of Errors and Twelfth Night.

As a whole, director David Farr has created a version that is more pleasure cruise than fantastic voyage.

Design quirks like a giant transparent cube allow, thanks to Jon Clark's exceptional lighting, great effects but actors inside it are almost unintelligible. And Amer Hehel gabbles his lines as Caliban. But the exceptional Slinger and Sandy Grierson, as his lookalike spirit Ariel, keep this production on course.

Leon Burakowski

I Dreamed A Dream, named after the song from Les Miserables which brought Boyle fame on Simon Cowell's top TV show, will see the Scottish singer played by Elaine C Smith, best known as the long-suffering wife of Glaswegian layabout Rab C Nesbitt's in the eponymous TV sitcom.

The story of the frump with a beautiful voice, who stunned a nation with her talent and went on to achieve global fame, will be staged at Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday (May 29) to June 2.

### Finale

Elaine C Smith conceived of and co-wrote this combination of play and jukebox musical, which looks at the first 47 years of Boyle's life, with funny, poignant and sometimes painful incidents whilst growing up in a West Lothian village. The climax is the sudden fame which led to her being runner-up in the 2009 series of Britain's Got Talent (dancers Diversity actually stole her thunder by winning).

The special element of this show is that, when the cast depart the stage after their final bow, the woman herself steps out of the wings... subject to availability, adds a proviso.



Susan Boyle (left) and Elaine C Smith join forces to tell the singer's life story so far in I Dreamed A Dream

## Good and evil in one weekend

BOTH good and evil get a look in at Birmingham Symphony Hall this weekend.

Hollywood actor John Malkovich recites the confessions of Austrian 'celebrity' serial killer Jack Unterwieser in play with music The Infernal Comedy, featuring baroque orchestra and singers on Saturday.

Welsh conductor Karl Jenkins will lead The Manchester Orchestra, singers Cor Caerdydd and Lichfield Cathedral Young Voices for his new work The Peacemakers at the city centre venue on Sunday.

## Murder mystery is a gripping period piece even without Poirot

**Agatha Christie's Murder On The Nile, Wolverhampton Grand**

If you are expecting a certain Belgian detective to help exercise your little grey cells, you are out of luck. That's Agatha's Christie's Death On The Nile and this is a different (if rather similar) tale from the queen of mystery. Even more confusingly, the popular 1978 film used elements from both stories.

The Nile becomes the river of no return for a couple of passengers aboard a paddle steamer in this whodunnit. Mystery fans will probably guess 'who dunnit' and puzzle instead 'how they dunnit' in this four act play set on a nicely realised cruise deck set.

There is a portly gent of a cerebral nature on hand to solve the murder mystery, Canon Ambrose Pennefather, a sort of ecclesiastical Poirot.

Murder always seems rather mundane in these antiquated Christie plays. Rather than being shocked or struck by grief, the first thought of those surrounding the victim is unmasking the killer or finding an alibi. But perhaps that's part of the creaky charm combined with stiff-upper-lip Britishness and the odd swipe at Johnny Foreigner.

The ensemble cast are good. Kate O'Mara brings some humour as the splendidly named snob Mrs Ffoliot-ffolukes ("no capital Fs!") whilst Denis Lill is utterly dependable as the investigating clergyman. Chloe Newsome does a nicely neurotic turn as the jealous Louise de Vallois, who is stalking ill-matched newly weds Kay and Simon Mostyn (Susie Amy and Ben Nealon).

The play continues at the Grand to Saturday.

Leon Burakowski

## Amstell is Numb one



COMEDIAN Simon Amstell brings his latest stand-up show to Birmingham with a gig at the New Alexandra Theatre on Friday, June 1, as part of his Numb tour.

Amstell was best known as the acerbic presenter of comedy pop quiz Never Mind The Buzzcocks but has more recently gained plaudits for his TV sitcom Grandma's House, which he stars in and co-wrote.

## Stars line up for Superstar at NIA

THE 40th anniversary of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar will be marked by an arena tour, including Birmingham NIA on October 4. The actor playing Jesus will be chosen by the public in forthcoming TV show Superstar.

Other roles will be filled by Australian Tim Minchin (Judas), ex-Spice Girl Melanie C (Mary Magdalene) and Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles (King Herod).

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### EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2012

BBC1, 8pm

Graham Norton commentates on the 57th edition of the musical extravaganza from the Crystal Hall in Baku, Azerbaijan – the first time the former Soviet republic has hosted the competition. Engelbert Humperdinck is bidding to add another achievement to his glittering career by becoming the first UK winner since 1997 with his ballad Love Will Set You Free, and will be the first of tonight's 26 finalists to take the stage. However, he is likely to face strong competition from Italy's Nina Zilli, whose jazzy pop tune L'Amore E Femmina has been heavily tipped by both pundits and bookmakers.

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying. The battle for pole position in Monte Carlo (Start-time 10.00pm). **2.15** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the third day's play from Wentworth. **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. **5.40** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**6.00** My Family. The Harpers attend a couples' retreat in a bid to improve their marriage. (R)

**6.30** The Voice UK: The Semi-Final. The last eight singers perform individually and with their coaches ahead of next week's final – and with only four places up for grabs, the competition will be tougher than ever. The results can be seen tomorrow at 7.15pm.

**7.50** The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. John Partridge reveals the all-important winning numbers.

**8.00** Eurovision Song Contest 2012. Graham Norton commentates on the musical extravaganza from the Crystal Hall in Baku, Azerbaijan, as Engelbert Humperdinck tries to become the first UK winner since 1997.

**11.15** BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update. **11.35** FILM: The Girl Next Door. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Emile Hirsch.

**1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.05** Film: A Double Life. (1947) Theatrical drama, starring Ronald Colman. **1.45** Film: William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. (2004) Shakespearean drama, starring Al Pacino. **3.50** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the third day's play from Wentworth.

**6.00** Flog It! The team visits St Albans, Hertfordshire.

**6.45** Dad's Army. The platoon mans the local lighthouse. (R)

**7.15** Chelsea Flower Show 2012. Alan Titchmarsh, Nicki Chapman and Chris Beardshaw discover which of the show gardens has been voted the winner of the RHS People's Award. Last in the series.

**8.15** Arts Troubleshoot. The first of two documentaries exploring the work of arts expert Michael Lynch at organisations whose futures are under threat, beginning with Northern Ballet.

**9.15** A Picture of London. Eyewitness accounts and visual records charting the city's history.

**10.15** Dara O Briain: This Is the Show. The comedian performs at Hammersmith Apollo. (R)

**11.15** TOTP2 Goes Eurovision. Hits from the contest. (R)

**12.15** Film: Brooklyn Rules. (2007) Drama, starring Freddie Prince Jr. **1.45** Film: El Bano del Papa. (2007) Premiere. Comedy, with Cesar Troncoso. **3.20** Close.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.15** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **1.40** ITV News: Weather. **1.45** Film: Agatha Christie's Dead Man's Folly. (1986) Murder mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. **3.30** Film: Goldfinger. (1964) Adventure, starring Sean Connery. **5.35** Regional News; Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

**6.00** You've Been Framed! Full Throttle. Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage, featuring thrill-seekers, show-offs and painful-looking accidents.

**7.00** Live International Football. Norway v England (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of this evening's friendly international at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, as Roy Hodgson takes control of England for the first time.

**10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** International Football. Norway v England. Highlights of the friendly international at the Ullevaal Stadium in Oslo, as Roy Hodgson took control of England for the first time since being appointed manager.

**10.40** FILM: The Matrix. (1999) Sci-fi action thriller, with Keanu Reeves.

**1.05** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.10** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** British GT. **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Rita Ora: Intro. (R) **9.10** T4: Snow White and the Huntsman: T4 Movie Special. **9.45** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Paralympic World Cup Live. Coverage of the wheelchair basketball finals. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood, York and the Curragh. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.00** Channel 4 News.

**6.30** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. (2002) Frodo and Sam's quest to destroy the ring brings more peril when they come face to face with its former owner. Part two of the fantasy trilogy, starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin.

**10.00** FILM: X-Men: The Last Stand. (2006) The mutant heroes battle old ally Jean Grey, returned from the dead as the destructive and seemingly unstoppable Phoenix. The third instalment of the superhero saga, starring Hugh Jackman and Ian McKellen.

**12.00** 4thought.tv. **12.10** Paralympic World Cup Highlights. Action from the Manchester Regional Arena. **1.15** Stand Up for the Week. (R) **2.00** Film: The Educators. (2004) Drama, starring Daniel Bruhl and Stipe Erceg. **4.05** Smallville. (R) **4.45** St Elsewhere. Morrison attends a drug rehab programme. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** New Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.20** Film: Tall Man Riding. (1955) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **3.00** Film: Man from God's Country. (1958) Western, starring George Montgomery. **4.30** Film: The Unforgiven. (1960) Western, starring Burt Lancaster.

**6.55** 5 News Weekend.

**7.00** Cricket on 5. England v West Indies. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the second day of the Second Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, where the three-match series continued.

**8.00** NCIS: A Marine dies while trying to save the life of the Belgravian defence secretary, and the team is asked to protect the politician's daughter while she studies in America. (R)

**9.00** CSI: NY. Mac is seriously wounded in a shooting. Last in the series.

**10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A single murder quickly becomes a case involving three bodies.

**10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Munch investigates the rape and beating of a mute girl.

**11.50** Forensic Files. (R) **12.15** SuperCasino. **3.55** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2**  
**3.45** All Star Family Fortunes **4.45** Film: Free Willy (1993) **7.00** Film: Happy Feet (2006). Animated adventure, with the voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman. Including FYI Daily. **9.00** Film: American Pie: The Wedding (2003). The third instalment in the comedy series, with Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Eddie Kaye Thomas and Eugene Levy. **11.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments

**ITV3**  
**2.45** Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Film: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973)

**ITV4**  
**5.45** Film: Stargate (1994) **5.10** Euro 2012 Preview Show **5.45** Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Blazing Saddles (1974) **11.00** Premiership Rugby Union

**BBC THREE**  
**7.00** Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.50** Euros' Most Shocking Moments **11.20** Family Guy

**BBC FOUR**  
**7.00** Talk at the BBC **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** Sebastian Bergman **10.30** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.10** Sex and the Sitcom

**E4**  
**3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.05** Charlie's Angels **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Film: Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory

**FILM4**  
**2.45** Flight of the Phoenix (2004) **4.55** The Man Who Knew Too Little (1997) **6.45** Another Stakeout (1993) **9.00** The Client (1994) **11.20** Deathwatch (2002)

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ITV1, 6pm

Dermot O'Leary presents the big game in aid of Unicef, which sees footballing heroes team up with celebrities for an England v Rest of the World match live from Old Trafford (Kick-off 8.00pm). Robbie Williams captains the England team, managed by Harry Redknapp, and featuring former professionals David Seaman, Teddy Sheringham and Martin Keown, plus stars Jason Isaacs, Mark Owen, Marvin Humes and Aston Merrygold. Kenny Dalglish manages the opposing team, who will be looking for another win following the tense penalty shoot-out that ended in their victory two years ago.

**6.00 Breakfast.** 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Live Pentecost Praise from Brighton. A service from Church of Christ the King, Brighton. 11.00 Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.05 Live Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix. The sixth round of the season from Monte Carlo (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.30 The Queen's Palaces. (R) 4.30 Points of View. 4.45 Songs of Praise. 5.20 Chelsea Flower Show 2012. 5.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**6.15 Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison explores the River Humber. **7.15 The Voice UK: The Semi-Final Results.** Including performances by Kylie Minogue and Cheryl Cole.

**8.00 British Academy Television Awards.** Dara O Briain hosts the ceremony in which Rob Harris will receive the Bafta Fellowship and shows including This Is England '88, Spooks and Misfits battle for recognition.

**10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

**10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You.** William Shatner hosts, with guests Andy Hamilton and Charlie Brooker.

**11.10 Room 101 - Extra Storage.** With Ross Noble, Jamelia and Germaine Greer. (R)

**11.50 The Football League Show.**

**12.40 Weatherview.** 12.45 Sign Zone: Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. (R) 1.45 Holby City. (R) 2.45 Fake Britain. (R) 3.30 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.00 Great British Menu. (R) 4.30 BBC News.

**6.00 CBeebies.** 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Film: As You Like It. (2006) Shakespearean comedy, starring Bryce Dallas Howard. 2.00 Flog It! (R) 2.30 Live Golf: The PGA Championship. Coverage of the fourth day's play from Wentworth.

**6.00 Rowing.** Highlights of the second World Cup meeting of the season, which took place in Lucerne, Switzerland.

**7.00 Singapore 1942: End of Empire.** Part one of two. Why the fall of Singapore to Japanese forces in February 1942 proved to be a key moment in its history, as well as the rest of Asia and the British Empire.

**8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve.** Simon finds out about bloodshed in Sri Lanka, then moves on to Bangladesh, where he hears about one of the Indian Ocean's fastest-growing industries, providing prawns for the West.

**9.00 Coast.** Exploring the history of Britain's harbours, visiting Newlyn, Barrow-in-Furness, Portsmouth, Birkenhead and Scarborough.

**10.00 FILM: The Road.** (2009) Premiere. Post-apocalyptic drama, starring Viggo Mortensen.

**11.40 Episodes.** (R)

**12.10 Grandma's House.** (R) 12.40 Film: Tadpole. (2003) Drama, starring Aaron Stanford. 1.50 BBC News. 4.30 Close.

**6.00 CITV: Mini CITV.** 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Dinner Date. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Ade in Britain. (R) 10.30 May the Best House Win. (R) 11.30 Long Lost Family. (R) 12.30 ITV News: Weather. 12.40 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 1.40 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.45 Live French Open Tennis. The opening day of the second Grand Slam event of the year. 5.30 Regional News; Weather. 5.45 ITV News: Weather.

**6.00 Soccer Aid 2012.** Robbie Williams and Michael Sheen captain the pro-celebrity teams for the charity football match, live from Old Trafford, as England take on the Rest of the World (Kick-off 8.00pm). Subsequent programmes subject to change.

**10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.**

**10.20 Smugglers Special.** Documentary following detectives from the City of London Police as they track and arrest a gang smuggling counterfeit trainers worth millions of pounds into Britain. Narrated by Samuel West. (R)

**11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.** Harlequins v Leicester Tigers. Highlights of the showpiece match at Twickenham, where this season's champions were confirmed. Presented by Craig Doyle and Martin Bayfield.

**12.15 The Store.** Home shopping: ITV News Headlines. 2.15 River Monsters. (R) 3.10 Motorsport UK. 4.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**6.20 The Hoobs.** (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Paralympic World Cup Highlights. (R) 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 2.00 The Simpsons. (R) 2.35 Film: Volcano. (1997) Disaster thriller, starring Tommy Lee Jones. 4.35 Deal or No Deal. 5.35 Film: St Trinians. (2007) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett.

**7.25 Channel 4 News.** 7.55 Channel 4 News - Nathan Stephens "Warrior". A profile of the Paralympic javelin world champion, following him on a journey through London to Trafalgar Square. (R)

**8.00 Come Dine with Me Jubilee Special.** Actress Cheryl Fergison, entertainer Lionel Blair, ex-Atomic Kitten star Kerry Katona and ventriloquist Keith Harris take part in a Jubilee-themed edition of the show.

**9.00 FILM: The Lovely Bones.** (2009) A teenage girl murdered by a neighbour watches over both her family and her killer from the afterlife. Peter Jackson's fantasy drama, starring Saoirse Ronan and Rachel Weisz.

**11.35 FILM: A History of Violence.** (2005) David Cronenberg's thriller, with Viggo Mortensen.

**1.20 Camelot.** (R) 2.15 Journey Through the Night. (R) 2.25 Holyoaks. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerfots. (R) 6.25 City of Friends. (R) 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.50 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Family! (R) 7.35 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.05 Funky Valley. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.40 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.20 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.35 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 10.00 Meerkat Manor. (R) 10.25 Grey's Anatomy. (R) 11.20 The Restaurant Inspector. (R) 12.20 Film: Patch Adams. (1998) Comedy drama, with Robin Williams. 2.35 Film: Poo's Grand Adventure: The Search for Christopher Robin. (1997) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. 4.05 Film: The Hunchback of Notre Dame. (1996) Disney animation, with the voices of Tom Hulce and Demi Moore. 5.55 Elizabeth II: A Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

**6.55 5 News Weekend.** 7.00 Cricket on 5.

**8.00 Once Upon a Time.** 9.00 Britain's Funniest Comedy Characters. Celebration of small-screen comedy creations.

**11.50 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs.** (R)

**12.20 The Walking Dead.** (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 The FBI Files. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Islands. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2** 4.00 Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments. 5.00 Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) 7.00 Film: About a Boy (2002). Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. 9.00 Benidorm. The Oracle's tall tales land him in trouble with the police. (1992) The Only Way Is Essex 10.45 The Exklusives 11.45 Film: Die Another Day (2002)

**ITV3** 3.55 Rosemary & Thyme 5.30 Live French Open Tennis. Coverage from Roland Garros. 8.00 Midsomer Murders. An elderly villager is found drowned. 10.00 Wycliffe 11.05 Cracker

**ITV4** 2.45 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Coverage of the final at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Cops with Cameras 10.00 Soccer Aid: Extra Time 11.00 Film: The Enforcer (1976)

**BBC THREE** 7.00 Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Highlights 7.50 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Snog, Marry, Avoid?

**BBC FOUR** 7.00 Natural World 8.00 Cobra Ferrari Wars 9.00 Imagine: Vidal Sassoon - A Cut Above 10.10 We'll Take Manhattan 11.40 Pink Floyd: Wish You Were Here

**E4** 3.35 Ugly Betty 4.30 Glee 5.25 90210 6.20 The Big Bang Theory 7.20 Film: California Man 10.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 2 Broke Girls 11.30 Don't Trust the B\* in Apartment 23

**FILM4** 3.05 Carry On Behind (1975) 4.55 Bee Season (2005) 7.05 Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) 8.50 Snow White and the Huntsman Interview Special 9.00 Saving Private Ryan (1998)

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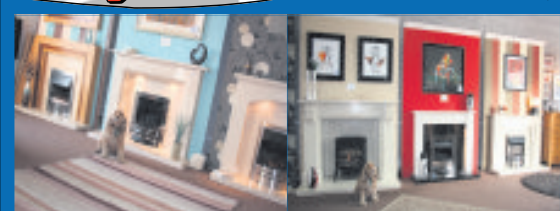
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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: A Walk in the Sun. (1945) Second World War adventure, with Dana Andrews. 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Afghanistan: The Great Game. A Personal View by Rory Stewart. 10.00 Sounds of the 70s. 10.25 Keep On Keeping On. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Dam Busters: The Race to Smash the German Dams. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 May the Best House Win. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Queen and I. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 56 Up. 10.00 ITV News at Ten. Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Born in the USSR. 25 Up. 12.05 Jackpot247. ITV News Headlines. 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.25 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 Channel 4 Presents - Liz Johnson 'Night Swimmer'. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Four in a Bed. (R) 12.30 SuperScrimps: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 1.00 Film: The One That Got Away. (1957) Fact-based Second World War adventure, with Hardy Kruger. 1.30 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 The Phil Spector Story. 8.30 Gok Gok Gok Chinese. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. 10.50 The Hoarder Next Door. (R) 11.55 Random Acts. 12.00 Embarrassing Bodies Live from the Clinic. Mr & Mrs Fetsch. (R) 1.55 Film: Empire Records. (1995) Comedy drama, starring Liv Ullmann. 3.40 Whatever Turns You On. (R) 3.45 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.35 Smallville. (R) 5.15 Deal or No Deal. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Highland Emergency. (R) 12.45 Highland Emergency. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Mentalist. (R) 3.05 Winter Solstice. (R) 5.00 5 News at 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Cricket on 5. 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show: World Tour. 5 News at 9.00 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. 10.00 The Walking Dead. 11.00 Film: The Wicker Man. (2006) Horror remake, starring Nicolas Cage. 12.55 SuperCasino. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 Divine Designs. (R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS. (R)

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**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Fake Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders. BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Silk. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 National Lottery Update. 10.35 The Apprentice: The Final Five. 11.35 Film: Prime. (2005) Romantic comedy, with Uma Thurman and Bryan Greenberg. 1.15 Weather. 1.20 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) 2.20 Horizon. (R) 3.20 The 1952 Show. (R) 4.05 Great British Menu. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.40 Film: The Story of GI Joe. (1945) Second World War drama, with Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum. 1.30 Instant Restaurant. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Great Ormond Street. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 BBC News. 3.50 BBC Learning Zone.

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Beyond the Reef. (1981) Adventure, starring Dayton Kaine. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Afghanistan: The Great Game. A Personal View by Rory Stewart. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens. 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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**Channel 4** 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Channel 4 News Midday Summary. 12.05 Four in a Bed. (R) 12.35 SuperScrimps: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents - Nathan Stephens 'Warrior'. (R) 1.10 Film: The Last Frontier. (1955) Western, starring Victor Mature. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Secret Eaters. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 The Killing. 10.55 Random Acts. 11.00 2 Broke Girls. 11.30 Desperate Housewives. 12.30 Music on 4: Subculture. 12.50 Music on 4: Music on 4 Favourites: Paloma Faith. 1.25 Music on 4: Rumer. Live at Rivoli Ballroom. 1.40 Music on 4: Spotlight. 1.50 Music on 4: Karima Francis. Intro. 2.05 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 2.20 Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) 2.35 Film: Little Fish. (2005) Drama, starring Cate Blanchett. 4.20 Drilling. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with 12.10 5 News. 12.15 Highland Emergency. (R) 12.45 Highland Emergency. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.15 Film: Miles from Nowhere. (2009) Drama, starring Andrew Lawrence. 5.00 5 News at 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 The Gadget Show: World Tour. 5 News Update. 8.00 Emergency Bikers. 5 News at 9.00 NCIS. 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 11.50 Poker. The Big Game. 12.50 SuperCasino. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS. (R)

## Thursday

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: The First of the Few. (1942) Wartime biopic, directed by and starring Leslie Howard. 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Heir Hunters. (R) 3.45 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.30 Flog It! 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 Great British Menu. 8.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Springwatch 2012. 9.00 Afghanistan: The Great Game. A Personal View by Rory Stewart. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens. 12.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with 12.10 5 News. 12.15 The Restaurant Inspector. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.15 Film: McBride. Sempier Fil. (2007) Mystery, starring John Laroquette. 5.00 5 News at 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 Police Interceptors. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 World's Scariest Animal Attacks. (R) 5 News at 9.00 The Restaurant Inspector. 10.00 Film: Miel. (2005) Horror, starring Jay Hernandez. 11.50 The World of Stupid Criminals. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. (R) 4.20 Divine Designs. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

## Friday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Fake Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Cowboy Trap. (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic. BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders. BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 A Jubilee Tribute to the Queen by the Prince of Wales. 9.00 EastEnders. 9.30 Have I Got News for You. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The Nations Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 White Van Man. 12.00 EastEnders. 1.55 Weather. 2.00 Sign Zone: Silk. (R) 3.00 Question Time. (R) 4.00 The 1952 Show. (R) 4.45 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Film: Odd Man Out. (1947) British thriller. Start. 11.45 Doctors. 2.15 Racing from Epsom: The Oaks. Including the 4.05 Investec Oaks (1m 4f). 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 TOTP2. 7.30 David and Judith: The Queen on Tour. 8.00 Great British Menu. 8.30 Gardeners' World. 9.00 The Great British Story: A People's History. 10.00 Episodes. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 The Graham Norton Show. 11.45 Doctors. 11.50 Film: Fida. (2002) Oscar-winning biopic, starring Salma Hayek. 1.45 Taken. (R) 3.10 BBC News. 4.45 Close.

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**Channel 4** 6.05 The Treacle People. (R) 6.15 Channel 4 Presents - Liz Johnson 'Night Swimmer'. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 According to Jim. (R) 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss Australia. (R) 10.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 The Renovation Game. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Four in a Bed. (R) 12.35 The Kitchen Pharmacy. (R) 12.50 Film: Battleground. (1949) Second World War drama, starring Van Johnson. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.30 Groped and World. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Come Dine with Me. 9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats. 9.30 Very Important People. 10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 11.05 Stand Up for the Week. 11.55 Channel 4's Comedy Gala. (R) 2.25 Random Acts. 2.30 Mr Name Is Earl. (R) 2.50 Dirty Sexy Money. (R) 4.20 Crash Bang Wallow. (R) 4.25 Home Road Movies. (R) 4.35 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.30 Countdown. (R)

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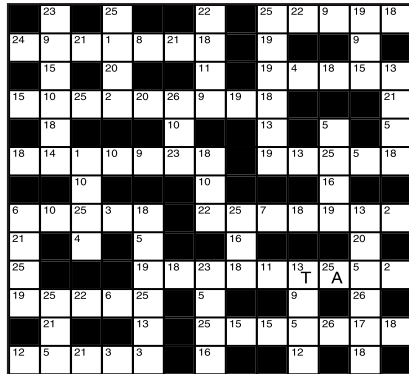


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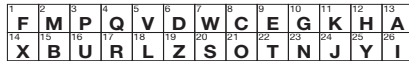
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. Time may be on its side (6,5)
9. Pays a quick visit and watches TV (5,2)
10. Some back well utilised material (5)
11. Inlay having three points in it (5)
12. Regulated as instructed (7)
13. Tree as old as the Ark! (6)
15. Weighty lemons, perhaps (6)
18. Expert on board (7)
20. Changing a flat could be ruinous (5)
22. A planet or a dog-star! (5)
23. Paid no attention to negroid developments (7)
24. Farewell photograph may be the last word in defiance! (7,4)

## Down

2. Eye-catching gadgets (5)
3. It may be worn as a favour (7)
4. It had a backseat driver (6)
5. Chosen from the depot (5)
6. Increase the confusion of the general (7)
7. What parachutists take from aircraft? (6,5)
8. Commanding individual with an important role to play (7,4)
14. Paul is confused about a border flower (7)
16. Possibly send off insults (7)
17. The French take charge in injury (6)
19. Craft about to capsize (1-4)
21. Trunk roots disturbed (5)

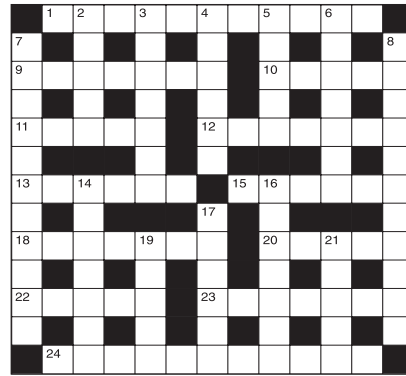
## Quick Clues:

## Across

1. Situation (11)
9. On horseback (7)
10. Faint-hearted (5)
11. Consumed (5)
12. Overlook (7)
13. Derided (6)
15. Horrified (6)
18. Recount (7)
20. Accumulate (5)
22. River nymph (5)
23. Legend (7)
24. Informal (4-3-4)

## Down

2. Frequent (5)
3. Train (7)
4. Kidnap (6)
5. Frequently (5)
6. Kind of lottery (7)
7. Temporary (11)
8. Publicity (11)
14. Conveyor (7)
16. Fight close (7)
17. Warning fire (6)
19. Muddle (5)
21. Wrongly (5)



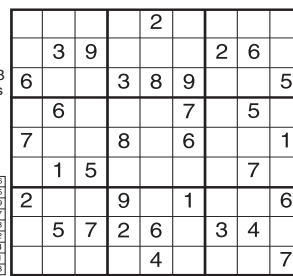
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Comrades; 5 Etch; 9 Nets; 10 Spectres; 11 Lotto; 12 Eyeball; 13 As far as it goes; 18 Londoner; 19 Moor; 20 Go after; 21 Plain; 22 Site; 23 Steering. Down: 2 Onerous; 3 Rosetta; 4 Express regret; 6 Tornado; 7 Hustles; 8 Accent; 13 Alleges; 14 Fondant; 15 Roosts; 16 Gambler; 17 Erosion. QUICK - Across: 1 Astonish; 5 Sped; 9 Port; 10 Stocking; 11 Agree; 12 Nurture; 13 Spill the beans; 18 Classy; 19 Iota; 20 Edition; 21 Limbs; 22 Seek; 23 Reddened. Down: 2 Stopgap; 3 Catmeal; 4 Sit on the fence; 6 Primula; 7 Daggers; 8 Scarab; 13 Success; 14 Imagine; 15 Lassie; 16 Edifice; 17 Notable.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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# Mitsubishi's Shogun successor

By Bob Hickman

IF YOU are in the market to buy a crossover type vehicle you will probably head straight for Nissan and look at the Qashqai as it is the market leader, but and it is a big but, I would like you to consider having a look at the Mitsubishi ASX.

The name Mitsubishi immediately creates visions of superb off-road vehicles almost akin to Land Rover in their ability to go anywhere and do anything.

Think Mitsubishi and you might think Shogun or Outlander and in fact it is the Outlander that has most of the pedigree for the ASX.

The ASX is actually built on the same platform as the Outlander so practicality and versatility are some of the key features of the ASX. The wheelbase is the same as the Outlander the passenger space in the ASX is superb, absolutely acres of space for a family to enjoy the vehicle and of course with the extra ride height that this type of vehicle gives you it makes for enjoyable driving for all members of the family.

I have to be honest and I need to get it out of the way early on in the report that I fell in love with the ASX, it is one of those vehicles that as soon as I sat in it I felt immediately

comfortable. The awful cliché that everything felt to hand is just so correct with this particular vehicle. Rarely in the past I must drive dozens and dozens of vehicles a year have I felt so immediately comfortable.

It had of course an added bonus that it is possible to choose between two and 4WD and Mitsubishi delivered the vehicle to me just prior to Easter when we had that deluge of snow and as a trip to the Peak District was planned. What better vehicle to take myself and family to the Peak District?

There is a choice of two engines, a 1.6-litre petrol producing 115 bhp or as in my case a 1.8-litre turbo diesel producing a very healthy 147 bhp. A five-speed manual gearbox is fitted to the petrol and the diesel has a six-speed manual gearbox, the diesel is also available with an electronically controlled 4WD system.

The level of equipment on the whole of the range is quite extensive for example standard equipment includes alloy wheels, air conditioning auto/stop and go, active stability control, traction control, a keyless entry system, ABS brakes with electronic brake distribution and assist, a plethora of air bags including front, side and curtains, and I liked the fact that the steering wheel has a tilt and a telescopic method of getting you comfortable in the multi-adjustable front seats.

There are three trim levels badged simplistically as 2, 3 and 4, 2 being the entry, 3 gains a fully automatic air conditioning system and one touch starting, it also benefits with cruise control, heated seats, privacy glass and the controls are now mounted on the steering wheel.

The top of the specification ASX4 benefits from leather seats and Kenwood in-car entertainment which contains an iPod and satellite navigation and a reversing camera. For me the entry level would tick all the boxes that I need.

Mitsubishi have not overlooked safety features and the vehicle is Euro NCAP as a 5\*. Certain other features include extensive use of energy dispersion structuring and I do like the fact that Mitsubishi have tried to safeguard pedestrian injury aspects by including plastic front wings and energy absorbing front bumpers these may also feature if you do take the vehicle off-road and on a hill descent nudge things that you shouldn't really be doing.

## Luggage space

The performance and driving dynamics of the ASX were very rewarding, as previously mentioned a weekend trip to the Peak District enabled some off-roading on the snowy terrain, some dual carriageways and hilly roads in and around the hills near to the highest village in England, Flash the vehicle coped admirably at all times.

A healthy amount of luggage space could be incorporated and I particularly liked the little section underneath the boot floor that could be raised to hide valuable items.

The performance aspects of my particular diesel derivative allowed for a 0-60 in 10 seconds, a top speed where legal of 123 mph. Mitsubishi suggest that the combined fuel figure should be in the vicinity of 49 mpg, I managed to achieve 53 mpg according to the on-board computer which for a vehicle of this size and stature I find excellent and to beat the manufacturers figures is a brilliant result. Sadly the CO emissions on both the petrol and the diesel are not low and therefore cheap road tax is not going to be a feature.

Mitsubishi want the vehicle to be serviced at intervals of a mere 12 months and this will add to the running costs and is a little unusual, but they do operate a service plan at £450 for petrol and £650 for the diesel. The ASX has an unlimited mileage warranty, 12 year anti-corrosion and a three year Roadside Assistance package.

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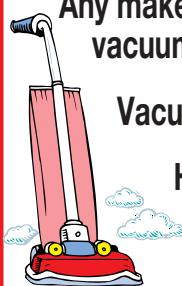
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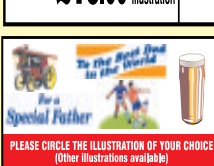
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## Football tables

## Kidderminster &amp; District League

Saturday Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Netherthorpe Ath.	30	26	1	3	105	27	81
Kings Hill OB.	23	20	3	6	95	42	63
Two Gates	30	19	4	7	90	47	61
Durley Villa	30	16	6	8	79	58	54
Wyre Forest	30	16	4	10	73	53	52
Durley West Ath.	30	16	3	11	81	66	51
Burish Oly.	23	15	4	10	89	58	49
Birch Coppice	30	13	5	12	78	55	44
Arley Kings	30	11	8	11	69	58	41
Lodgefield Pk.	30	11	7	12	59	63	39
Kenner	30	11	6	13	67	59	38
Claverley	30	11	3	16	68	85	36
Orton Vale	30	7	4	19	48	101	25
Oldswinford	30	7	2	21	39	99	22
Claverley Colts	30	5	2	23	39	112	17
C'roft Rgrs.	30	4	0	26	35	110	12

Sunday Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Woodside Utd	26	22	3	1	88	15	69
Kingswinford	26	19	4	3	84	26	61
Grange Ath.	26	18	5	3	86	29	59
Bromley	26	13	3	10	72	44	42
Harriers Trust	26	13	3	10	61	51	42
Harwell	26	12	9	5	69	41	41
Franchise V Club	26	12	9	5	53	46	41
Oakham Utd	26	11	4	11	53	48	36
Wolverley Ath.	26	10	5	11	46	55	35
Worsley AFC	26	7	3	16	46	79	24
Alveley Social	26	5	13	37	64	23	21
Orton Vale	26	5	6	15	39	66	21
New Olympic	26	4	6	16	35	90	18
Durley Spts.	26	2	0	25	16	121	3

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Phoenix Spts.	24	19	2	3	78	24	59
Haden Rgrs.	24	19	2	3	63	24	59
Stanton	24	13	5	6	57	38	44
Caves	24	13	3	8	58	41	42
Splg Hagley	24	13	4	7	65	40	43
Swan Bewdley	24	10	4	10	43	36	32
Wilden Village	24	8	8	8	56	54	32
Stour Pk Rgrs.	24	9	3	12	53	58	30
Chaimire	24	7	5	12	39	58	26
Bull & Blades	24	7	2	15	41	66	22
Sporting Oak	24	5	4	15	38	63	19
Way & Horses	24	5	3	16	41	76	18
W H Spts.	24	5	1	18	27	81	14

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gornal Wood	24	19	2	3	129	29	66
Snooks	25	19	4	3	77	24	61
T S Units	26	14	4	8	53	48	46
Plough Dukes	22	14	3	7	61	42	45
Wall Heath	26	11	6	9	62	57	39
White Horse C.	26	11	4	11	69	68	37
Wine Spts.	25	11	5	9	57	49	36
S'bridge Glass	26	10	10	6	49	69	35
Chadd Corbett	26	9	12	5	55	62	31
Arley Kings	26	9	4	13	47	63	31
Al'ico T House	26	8	15	4	47	80	27

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Royal Ex	25	23	2	0	116	26	71
Durley	26	18	4	4	99	41	58
Darby End Ath.	26	10	1	15	76	55	35
S'bridge Ath.	26	11	6	10	49	45	31
Maypole Rgrs.	26	15	0	11	78	66	44
Sporting Club	26	14	0	12	47	57	42
Plough Dukes	22	11	5	9	57	49	36
Bewdley Arch	26	9	12	5	72	60	32
Rock Spts	26	9	2	15	48	73	29
Arley	26	9	1	16	62	82	28
Wolverley Lions	26	8	16	5	59	82	26
Wollaston C.	26	8	15	5	54	94	26
Mosley Rgrs.	26	4	2	20	37	84	11
H R's Spts Bar	26	2	2	22	26	127	8

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
N'ton Colts Sen	24	24	3	1	143	15	75
Wyllymoor	28	20	2	6	92	45	62
Pockels	28	15	8	5	84	42	53
Lakeside Utd	28	14	6	7	51	49	51
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Wolverley Soc.	28	7	4	17	49	89	24
Clarke	28	5	6	17	40	73	21
Voi Bar	28	4	6	18	50	108	18
Wollaston L.	28	4	2	20	54	100	16

Division Five	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Top House	28	25	1	2	108	35	76
Arley Kings R	28	18	7	3	67	24	61
West Wollaston	28	18	5	5	79	31	59
Abberley Vale	28	16	4	8	74	55	52
Queens Head	28	14	3	11	62	44	45
Preston 2010	28	12	8	8	73	60	44
Harriers Arms	28	13	12	3	60	42	42
King Billy	28	11	8	9	72	55	41
Hammill Rgrs.	28	9	4	15	59	51	31
Star Of	28	8	6	14	53	69	28
Hillgrove	28	8	5	15	43	76	29
Wyllymoor W	28	8	2	18	39	62	26
Hells	28	11	8	9	61	45	19
Forest Rgrs.	28	3	2	23	18	172	11
Royal Ex Res.	28	1	4	23	33	81	7

## Karl's on a High with six-wicket haul

WHAT is the matter with the weather? writes Chris Marsh.

This was another week where several games failed to start due to unforecast drizzle.

**Division One** first XI leaders Oldswinford won for the third week running, this time by skittling 10th-placed Colwall for 70.

Droitwich jumped to second, beating 11th-placed Combs Wood by a similarly convincing margin.

Nomads won an exciting 30-overs a side match at home to Bromyard despite 89 from Fernando and thanks to a chanceless unbroken third wicket partnership of 157 in 25 overs by Liam

## Worcestershire County League

O'Driscoll (92 not out) and Sam Roberts who was unbeaten on 67.

With Hagley's match against Redditch called off, they fell to seventh after Astwood Bank beat Pedmore and Pershore defeated bottom side Worcester.

Four points cover the top three and this week Oldswinford entertain Pershore while Droitwich host Colwall.

In **Division Two**, there is a similarly tight struggle as Stourport lost for the first time this season at home to Belbroughton and are now

two points behind Burghill whose Kiwi twins Newton and Hedges proved too powerful for Feckenham.

Bewdley lurk in third another two points back after a comfortable win at Rushwick and Dominies are a further point behind following a narrow win at Netherton.

In the other games, Alvechurch had a tense draw at Enville and Romsley beat bottom side Wormelow. On Saturday, Burghill travel to Bewdley and Stourport are at

Alvechurch. Dominies entertain their old rivals Rushwick.

**Division Three** leaders Cookley squeezed home by one wicket at home to Birlingham. With Harvington unable to get any play at Himbleton, Tenbury also won and overtook them but somewhat unconvincingly as they won at joint-bottom Malvern by just 18 runs after posting 102 all out with Mohammed Shah taking 5-19 for the home team.

There are a bunch of sides in the middle of the table including Stourbridge School for whom Kieran High took 6-12 at the other joint bottom side Chaddesley as they

slumped to 45 all out. This week Cookley travel to Tenbury.

**Division Four** had wins for leaders Avoncroft and second-placed Ross and a very exciting match at Kings Hawford where Vigornians and Bromsgrove drew with level scores after Azmat Riaz hit a six off the last ball of the last over. OV's are now third.

**Division Five** saw a second win for Claverley at Canon Frome, which took them joint-top. This week, they entertain West Malvern, who are third. Also sharing top spot are Barnet Green who won for a second time, at Old Elizabethans by two wickets.

## Harriers starlets push for the promised land

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS academy manager Jerry Gill today backed his young fledglings to make the first-team grade at Aggborough next season.

Harriers have already had two players, Paul Hurrell and Ashley Checketts, warm the first-team bench for an FA Trophy game against Droylsden in January.

Now, as the club's youth set-up enters its second year of existence, Gill reckons their emerging talent pool could break through the glass ceiling.

Last season, a 60-strong squad led Harriers on their best-ever run in the FA Youth Cup, narrowly losing 1-0 to Carlisle in the second round proper.

Their under-18 team – despite fielding players mostly aged 16 and 17 – finished third in the Midland Floodlit Youth League Premier Division South.

Their under-19 side – the more senior of the two – battled through to reach ninth of the much-tougher Conference Youth League Central Division.

From those ranks, Gill pointed to defender Tyrone Williams and attacking midfielder Ollie Long as the next 'top two' to be ready for the first-team.

He said: "This time next year, I think we will be seeing some signs of some really good players."

"I will be surprised if I haven't got a player in Tyrone Williams, who is 17 but still developing."

"Ollie Long will be a fantastic player for me next season, but he broke a bone in his foot in March."

"He's been in plaster but he's recovering well now and he's only 16, so I predict good things for him."

"He's a clever and exciting player who can make things happen."

by Craig Birch

"Those two will really be pushing over the next few months, after a good pre-season under their belts."

Harriers' academy squad regularly rub shoulders with the first-team players at the club's training ground on Zortech Avenue.

But when they report back from their summer holidays, it will be transformed into a 40-acre Centre of Sporting Excellence.

Stourbridge College are partners in Harriers' youth set-up and have bought what was the Chainwire Sports Ground for £700,000.

The overhaul will push the College's outlay into seven-figures but will give Harriers a real chance of attracting top talent.

And, with the College offering courses of education to go with the football, it's not going to be 'win or bust' for the teenagers.

Gill said: "It's a 50-50 partnership with Stourbridge College and there's massive importance on education, the lads' parents realise that."

"But it's exciting and it's something that, if I was a young kid, I would like to join and word of mouth is getting around now."

"We have held a couple of trials and we have got some good lads coming in for next year, it will raise the bar and that's what we want."

"I am bringing in one from Wolves, one from Walsall, two lads from Birmingham and two from Villa."

"From where we are last year, holding open trials and not knowing who any of the lads were, it's a turnaround."

This summer, youth team captain Hurrell will go out into the big, wide world as he looks for mens football.

Over the next few months, more will follow suit as they reach the end of the two-year course but Gill will make sure they are looked after.

He said: "It has to be the right club, they have to develop wherever they go."

"I don't want their development to stop at 18, because that's a key age."

## Third time is a charm for Baxter



Baxter College's year-10 football team won the cup after a 3-0 win at Aggborough

BAXTER COLLEGE made it third time lucky as they finally clinched the Worcestershire Schools' County Cup after a pulsating final with Nuntery Wood at Aggborough.

The Kidderminster school's year 10 side took the trophy they missed out on at year seven and eight in the process.

The twice-beaten finalists started like a house on fire when Jack Beadsworth struck in a deflected shot from 25 yards.

The second goal came when Tom Hutton's corner was cleared to Dan Jackson, who returned the ball for Luke Maxwell to slot home on the half-volley.

Nuntery fought back but could not get past a stubborn Baxter defence.

In the second half, Baxter goalkeeper Charlie Downing was forced into three top-drawer saves. Then, five minutes from full-time, Baxter clinched the title with a decisive third goal from captain Danny Leigh.

## Cookley have edge thanks to final pair

COOKLEY'S excellent start to the cricket season continued with both sides scraping victories in tightly-fought games.

**Birlingham (5pts) 168, Cookley (2pts) 170-8. Cookley won by one wicket**

Cookley's last pair just got them over the line for a one-wicket win.

Alex Roden top-scored with a carefully crafted – and crucial 47 as they overhauled the total.

Birlingham had been in dire straits at 84-7 before recovering to post 168 despite good bowling again from Jas Hemmings (4-75).

Cookley have a 16-point lead over Tenbury but travel to meet their rivals on Saturday.

**Feckenham (3pts) 113, Cookley (2pts) 116-8. Cookley won by two wickets**

On a damp and difficult wicket both sides, apart from Feckenham's Mo Idrees (58), struggled against tight bowling with Si Kirby landing another five-wicket haul (5-55).

Jack Taylor kept a cool head to hit a fine six to safeguard the win and maintain the second's position at the top of their division.

Cookley bowed out of the National Village Knockout on Sunday at the hands of Elmley Castle.

Elmley posted 264-4 with Cookley not far away on 241-8. Tom Sherriff hit a majestic 89 in front of a big home crowd, ably supported by Mark Bennett's 68.

## Three land deal offer

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers have tied three players to 're-engagement' terms for next season in a bid to ward off potential suitors.

Midfielder Dan Bradley, goalkeeper Dean Lyness and striker Robert Thompson-Brown have yet to sign but have been offered deals.

As all are under 24 and have contract offers on the table, the club would be entitled to a fee should they move.

Harriers have also taken up one-year contract options on striker Jamille Matt and midfielder Callum Gittings, but released Jack Cresswell.

Matt is still fighting claims he's an illegal immigrant but the club are standing by their player and hope to have him back for next season.

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Harriers starlets are  
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## Walton is the county champ at age of 12

TWO Kidderminster golfers came close to winning the Worcestershire & Herefordshire county championship. Karen Greenfield and Anna Rock, each of them a past champion, were beaten in the semi-finals.

Rock fell to eventual runner-up Ciara Kelly while Greenfield succumbed to Lucy Walton.

Twelve-year-old Walton went on to beat Kelly, 14, in the final at Redditch – but the clash went to the 19th hole.

Walton may well be the youngest county champion in the country, pipping the likes of Hertfordshire's Ella Ofstedahl and Wiltshire's Hannah Furland, who won in 2011 and 2008 respectively when each was 13.

Six-handicapper Walton (The Worcestershire) and Kelly (Hagley) are both members of an England Golf Birdies training squad.

Walton comes from a sporting family – her father Peter coaches England's under-18 rugby team. Her mother Di and brother Jack are both hockey players.

**Kidderminster Golf Club**  
Sarah Nicklin Trophy: Jill Casswell, net 70.  
Ladies results. Division One: 1 Jill Yates 89-13-76, 2 Karen Greenfield 80-2-78, 3 Sue Hughes 89-20-79.  
Division Two: 1 Shirley Casswell 95-25-70, 2 Sue Allen, 113-28-85, 3 Lillian Weaver, 114-28-86.  
Men's results. George Law Cup: Anthony Evans, net 70 (on countback).  
Division One: 1 Cam Hutchinson, 75-05-70, 2 Mark Dudley, 74-02-72, 3 David Wiggins, 77-05-72. Division Two: 1 Anthony Evans, 81-11-70, 2 Peter Goode, 81-11-70, 3 Peter Fisher, 84-14-70. Division Three: 1, Bill Styles 87-16-71, 2 Robert Pooler 94-23-71, 3 Aron Marshall 100-27-73.  
Midweek medal: 1 Mark Smith 79-05-74, 2 Peter Cissett 94-18-76, 3 Bill Sutton, 97-19-78.

## Scores from the district

**Kidderminster & District Saturday**  
Premier: Kings Heath Old Boys 0 Wyre Forest 1.

**Sunday**  
Premier: Harriers Trust 0 Orange Ath 2; Woodside Utd 2 Kingswinford 0.  
Division 2: Avelley Kings 1 Cally 3; Chaddesley Corbett 2 Snooks 3; Gornal Wood 2 White Horse Celtic 2; Stourbridge Rangers 1 Snooks 2; TS Units 1 Gornal Wood 3.

**Sunday Junior Cup semi-final:** Stourbridge Glassboys 1 Royal Exchange 2; Stourbridge Rangers 2 Kewford Eagles 2 (Pens 3-2).

**Sunday Junior Cup final:** Royal Exchange 3 Stourbridge Rangers 3 (Pens 5-4).

**Kidderminster Hospital Saturday Junior final:** Netherton Ath 2 Wyre Forest 3.

**Kidderminster Hospital Sunday Junior Cup semi-final:** Woodside United 1 Bromley 2. Final: Bromley 1 Orange Athletic 0.

**Kidderminster Hospital Sunday Junior Cup semi-final:** Pockets 2 Netherton Colts Sen 1. Final: Arley 1 Pockets 3.

**Kidderminster Harriers Junior Cup final:** Caves 0 Franche VC 3.  
**WFA Sunday Junior Cup final:** Heanans Res 0 Plough Dukes 3.

# Mills' four-wicket boon for Bewdley

Rushwick (3pts) 158-8, Bewdley (20pts) 164-5.  
Bewdley won by five wickets

THIS was a comfortable win for Bewdley, though sterner tasks lie ahead, *writes David Mills.*

On another bleak day, skipper Rob Combes won an important toss of the coin.

Although Rushwick started brightly, reaching 48 without loss, Ewan Peer (3-33) produced a penetrating spell, and reduced them to 58-4.

There followed a brief recovery, but these green shoots were stamped out by David Jones, who bowled economically but without luck, and returning spinner Jack

## Bewdley Cricket Club

Mills. He twirled his way to 4-46 and was supported by some excellent catching and fielding.

Chasing 159, Bewdley found themselves at 45-3 despite a bright contribution from Paul Beard (24). But a fourth-wicket partnership of 88 effectively settled the match. Gareth Lewis (60) was at his pugnacious best, and he was ably assisted by Ben Jones (35).

Matt Cowdery and Mike Harris then saw Bewdley safely over the line with four overs to spare.

Rushwick (15pts) 179-9, Bewdley (4pts) 133-8.  
Draw

Bewdley seconds slipped to their second successive disappointing result.

But again there were positives to be gained from a performance that, as had been the case seven days previously, frequently threatened more but ultimately came up short in the batting department.

With the game reduced to 42 overs following heavy overnight rain, the Rushwick openers quickly set about amassing a useful score only to be pegged back by Rob Crane (2-34) and Scott Fowler.

Stephen Emson (44) gave the innings

some impetus but Bewdley were able to keep a lid on things with three late wickets for Stephen Molyneux (3-29) and Grant Morris (2-33) again bowling economically as Rushwick finished on 179-9.

Bewdley lost a couple of early wickets in reply but with Matt Thwaites (54) in good form a victory remained likely.

That hope evaporated with a regular flow of wickets mid-innings and when Thwaites eventually holed out, it was left to Cyril Ramsay (14 not out), who braved a broken cheekbone and nose suffered while keeping wicket, and Mark Hudson to bat out the concluding overs, the innings closing on 133-8.

## Fine start to season is brought to an end

Stourport (4pts) 150, Belbroughton (24pts) 151-5. Belbroughton won by five wickets

STOURPORT'S fine start to the season came to an end at the hands of Belbroughton.

Electing to bat first at Walshe Meadow, Stourport struggled against some tight Belbroughton bowling.

A patient 53 from Christian Farry helped them to a below-par 150 all out in the 44th over. Will Pardoe was the pick of the Belbroughton attack with 4-28.

In reply Stourport were unable to take early wickets to put on any pressure.

Steve Yarsley took three late wickets, but Belbroughton ran out comfortable winners. This weekend Stourport travel to Alvechurch and Hopwood.

**Stourport (16pts) 247-2, Redditch (0pts) 91-5. Draw**

A magnificent 166 not out from Spencer Colley was the highlight of an otherwise boring winning draw for Stourport seconds.

In a rain-reduced match, his innings included 18 fours and three sixes and took Stourport to an imposing 247-2 from 46 overs.

Redditch made no attempt to go for the target and closed on 91-5. Adam Selleck and Will Downes bagging two wickets apiece.

On Saturday Stourport welcome Bromyard.

**Stourport (24pts) 245-6, Pershore (2pts) 76. Stourport won by 169 runs**

Stourport thirds proved too strong for Pershore.

Batting first on a wet track, opener Peter Harrison's 58 gave Stourport a good platform for Alan Lockwood (72), Mark Moss (45) and Craig Homer (35 not out) as Stourport reached 245-6 from their 45 overs.

Matt Roberts took 4-20 and Gavin Bryan 3-18 to help bowl out Pershore in the 30th over for just 76.

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# PINNER'S PATIENT 50 SETS UP VICTORY

Kidderminster Victoria 224-8, Shrewsbury 99.  
KVCC won by 125 runs

KIDDERMINSTER VICTORIA made a long trip to Brockhampton on Saturday for a washed-out game – but made up for it the next day.

At Shrewsbury, where they have not had much luck in recent times, they really found their form to go through round two of the Kingfisher Beer National Knockout.

Neil Pinner made a patient half-century, containing only one boundary, and skipper Jonathan Wright claimed 3-17, *writes Brian Gittins.*

KVCC opted to bat and made a very good start. Openers Marc Edwards and Andy Kimberlin put on 74 in the first 14 overs.

Edwards was first out, caught by Chris Shepherd off Daniel Bowen for 47, with four fours and a six.

Kidderminster lost the next two wickets in adding 52 runs. Kimberlin was bowled by Eliot Green for 34, and Ben Cox was caught by William Davies off Sam Griffiths for eight.

## Skipper

Fifty runs were added in 10 overs by the fourth wicket pair of Pinner and Zac Turely. The latter was out lbw to Stephen Barnard for 26.

Only three more runs were added before another wicket fell as skipper Wright was trapped leg before for one by Jon Anders.

The sixth wicket fell with the score on 190.

At 190-6 KVCC had produced a good score, and they added 34 further runs, losing two more wickets.

Richard Kimberlin was bowled by Bowen for 17 and Connor Smith was caught by Shepherd off Bowen for

## Kidderminster Victoria CC

eight. The not out batsmen were Henry Wright (10), and Ryan Derrick (two). Bowen was the pick of the bowlers, taking 4-44.

Kidderminster made a good start to the Shrewsbury reply, removing the first three batsmen for 26.

Opener Will Parton was caught by Wright off Smith for seven. Jon Anders was run out for three and Joe Leach had scored eight when Wright took another catch, giving Connor Smith his second wicket.

The big collapse came with the score on 86 in the 28th over. Wickets fell at 86, 91 twice, 92 and two more on 99. Tom Cox (23) and Stephen Barnard (30) had the best stand, but the rest of the batsmen were soon removed. Skipper Wright did most damage with the ball, but Smith took 2-13.

On Saturday, KVCC host Himley at noon in the Premier League and the following day entertain Ticknall in the Kingfisher Beer Cup.

Worcestershire seconds face Glamorgan in two Twenty/20 games in one day on Tuesday from 11.30am.

## Teenager racks up a martial arts double

STOURPORT teenager Hannah Smith has completed a martial arts double, taking the British Brazilian jiu-jitsu open championship to add to her Midland Championship.

Smith, aged 14, went into her match at the NEC against Lucy Grabe-Watson with a weight disadvantage of 8.5 kgs.

The Oxford girl took early control by pulling guard. Smith then managed to pass the guard only to run into a leg catch.

Grabe-Watson tried to use her strength and weight, but Smith passed to gain the mount and take a vital four points.

Smith repeated the dose and forced a submission with an arm-bar. Her subsequent opponent pulled out due to injury.

Smith trains three times a week at the Gracie Barra Academy, Birmingham, with instructor Nathan Roberts and five-time world champion Professor Braulio Estima.

She also trains at Stourport-uk-kickboxing and is a junior instructor there with Brian Smith.

Brazilian jiu-jitsu has some similarities to judo but more of an emphasis on groundwork. Smith aims to retain the titles and try for the European title.



Hannah Smith with the Brazilian jiu-jitsu British Open medal she won at the NEC

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